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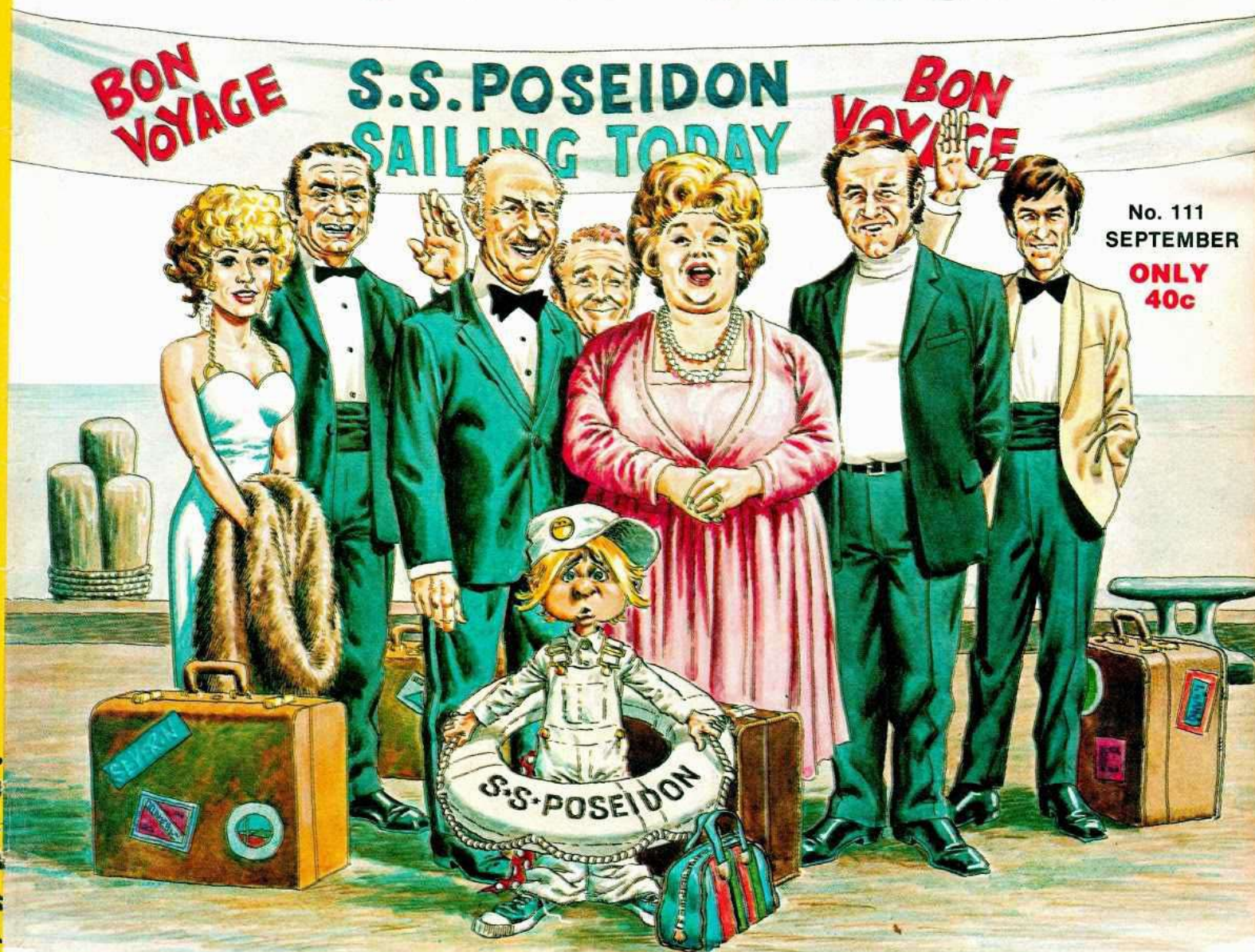
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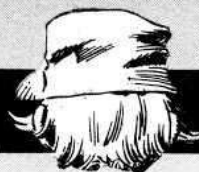
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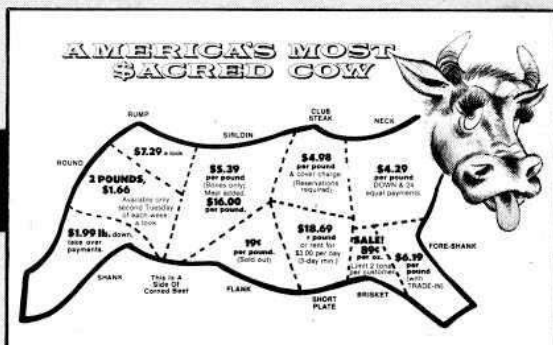
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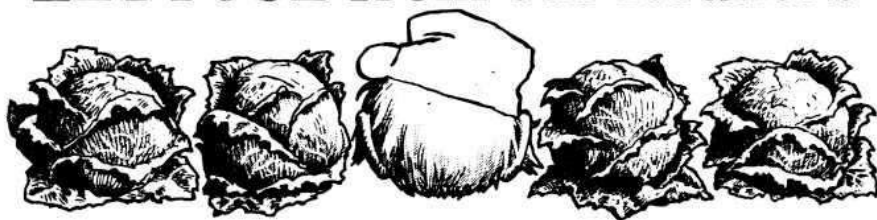
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Either Sylvester P. has E.S.P. or our artist has seen the movie. He seems to know something that his fellow voyagers don't. Bon Voyage!



LETTUCE from our Readers



NOTICE TO CERTAIN CRACKED LETTER WRITERS:

Okay! You guys know who you are! Your letters have been sent to the United States Postal Service to be investigated!

You and your mates down under ought to enjoy our "Per-spirin' Adventure" in this issue. By the way, why did you write your letter upside down?

Alan,
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Alan Guthrie
Warilla, Australia

mazines are beaut too."
cobbers, me mates reckon your
"stone the koalas and kangaroos,
up your great mazagine and
Australia could soon be in. Keep
America is in and the trouble
it truly highlights the trouble
azine is the best being published.
magazines. I think that your maz-
tralia, we get your weird Yank
Even way down here in Aus-
Dear Editor,



Dear Sirs:
How can you be so mean to

Sylvester P. Smythe? I mean, if he doesn't clean up, who will?

Jeff Levin
Stowe, Vermont

Dear Jeff,

We saw that sneer in your voice. You're right, but EVERYBODY has to do some cleaning up. Besides, who says we're mean to Sylvester? We're giving him free room and board in our mazagine, which is more than he'd get elsewhere. It's a good thing we cleaned up your letter before we printed it!

Dear CRACKED:

I am crazy about your magazine. It's very funny. How many years has CRACKED been out?

Anthony Frisella
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Anthony,

CRACKED has never been "out". It has been "in" for 15 years!

Dear CRACKED:

Congratulations on the Chicken Soap issue. My special comment is about your special vampires. How true about St. Petersburg, Florida. I live in Seminole, Fla., right next to St. Pete. You sure would have a tough time giving away free CRACKED magazines to anyone who could spot someone under 40 on a cruise through St. Petersburg.

R. Yanz
Seminole, Fla.

Dear R.

We know where the young people are in St. Petersburg. But we're not going to tell where he is!

Dear CRACKED:

Your May issue (108) contained a foolish error. On page five, under statement of ownership, management and circulation, you wrote "Title of publication: Cracked Magazine." Note the "magazine". On your cover, however, it reads: "Cracked Maza-gine". Which is which? All you people who say you like CRACKED Mag are wrong. You like CRACKED Maz.

Steve Stevens
World-Reknown Critic
Benson, N.C.

Dear Steve Stenevs,

You are absolutely right! But where is your sense of hurom?

Dear Cracked,

My mother bought me my first issue of your mazagine three days after I ran my foot through a power lawn mower, thus receiving a ride in an ambulance and 17 stitches in my right foot. Your mag is stupendous! I laughed so hard I just forgot about the pain in my foot.

Mike Quigley
Auburn, N.Y.

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your cutting remarks.

Dear CRACKED,

I really like your mazagine, but there's one thing bothering me. In the story of the Candidaze, there's this fat guy whose face is never shown. Is he Fat Albert, Porky Pig or Howard Hughes?

Tom Amyotte
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Dear Tom,

You guessed it!

Dear Klutz,

I know all too well what is funny and what is not. And your maza-gine is far from it. I got an issue and not one article made me laugh, except a slight grin in your "Industrial King" article.

Ken Wiebe
Bogota, Colombia, South America

Dear Ken,

You should have seen the guys in the office when we read your letter. We all just CRACKED up! What a sense of humor!

Dear CRACKED,

I've been reading your magazine for the past few years and feel you have the best magazine on the market. I read that you are going to put out CRACKED in paperback. I hope this is true.

Greg Cooper
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Greg,

"Get Me CRACKED" is now on the rack. If you can't find it there, write to CRACKED, 235 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10003. Send 75 ¢, plus 25 ¢ for handling.

Dear Cracked:

Your back cover on issue #108 was very funny. It CRACKED me up ... but it didn't Crack up my mother. She said I had to eat whatever was in the can I pasted the label on. How would you feel, eating a can of Hunt's Tomato Sauce that had a soap label on it?

Mark Smith
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mark,

At least you aren't a dirty chicken anymore!



Dear CRACKED:

I really liked your satire on Joe Columbo. Do you know how I can get his autograph?

Richard M. Noxin
Fontana, California

Dear Richard,

We had so many requests for Columbo's autograph, we decided to get it for all of our readers. Here it is ...



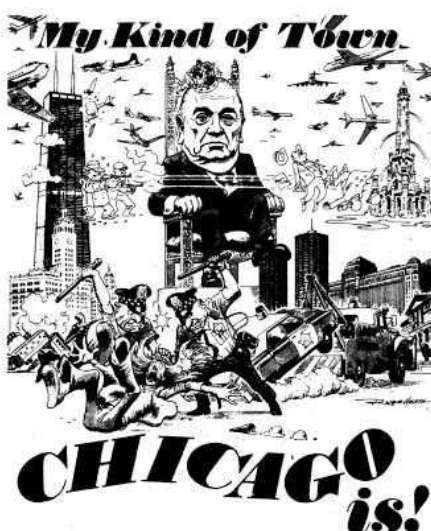
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Dear Mij,

We noticed several typographical errors in your letter. You'll be relieved to know we've sent your name to the C.N. Fund for the Relief of Backward Persons. (Didn't think we'd catch ti, did uoy?)



CRACKED Magazine,

As a resident of the great city of Chicago, I must write to you in protest over your one-sided and exaggerated presentation on our city in CRACKED #110. I think you should more accurately portray Chicago in a future issue.

Danny Daley
Chicago, Illinois

Danny,

You mean Chicago is worse than we thought? We would oblige you, but we're trying to keep this a family magazine!

Dear Cracked,

I think your magazine is the best. I read you every day.

Dan Bylsma
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dan,

Thank you for your daily letters. Space will not permit, however

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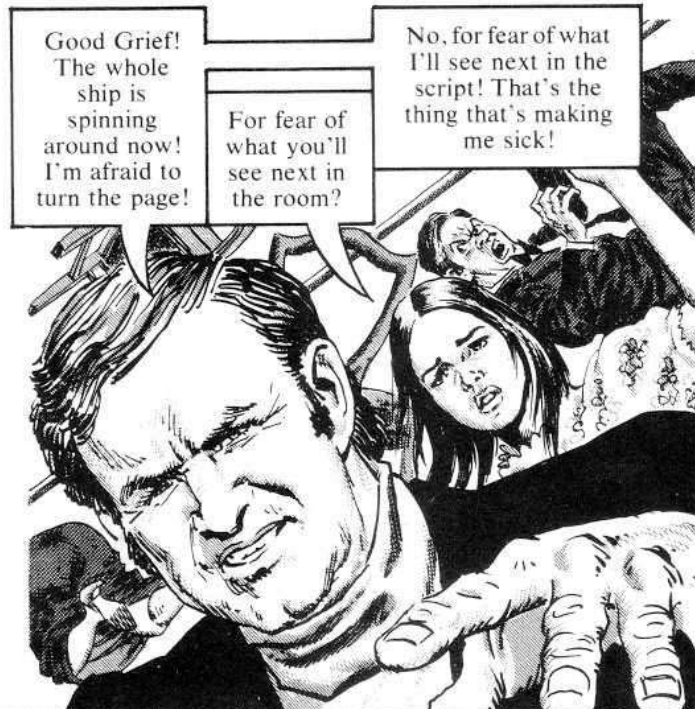
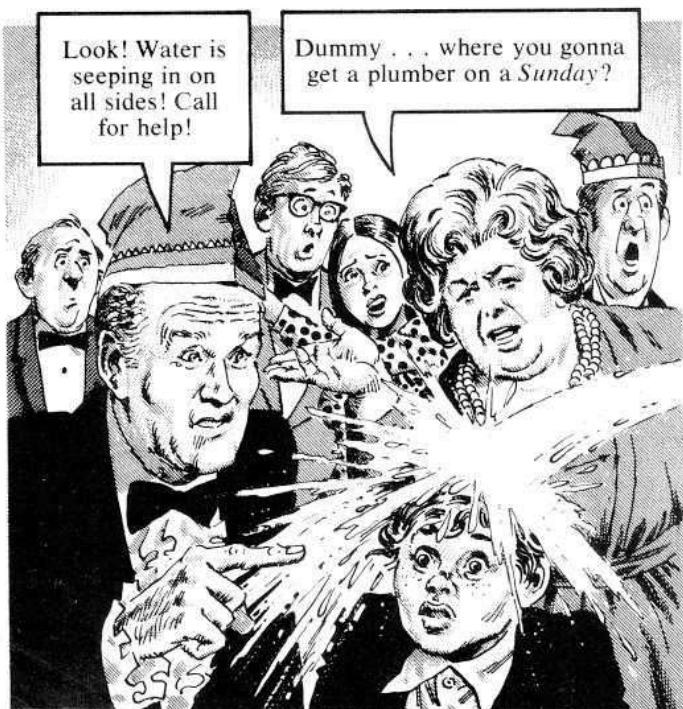
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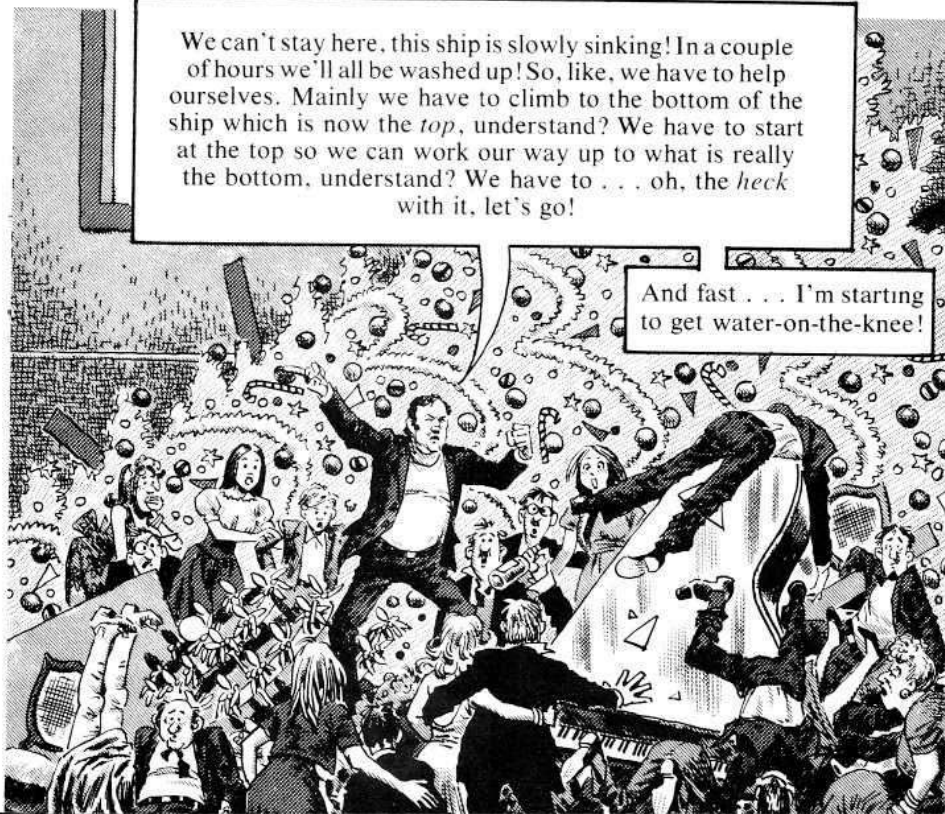


We can't stay here, this ship is slowly sinking! In a couple of hours we'll all be washed up! So, like, we have to help ourselves. Mainly we have to climb to the bottom of the ship which is now the *top*, understand? We have to start at the top so we can work our way up to what is really the bottom, understand? We have to... oh, the *heck* with it, let's go!

And fast... I'm starting to get water-on-the-knee!

Wait! Just remember... it's not gonna be easy! We'll have to dig thru hundreds of feet of solid steel... crawl thru blazing rooms of burning heat... swim thru countless tunnels of watery death... but what the heck, it's a chance!

With a little luck we'll be out in *twenty minutes*!



I think we should stay here . . . and wait for help to come!

I tell you, there'll be no help coming . . . not if you stand on your head from today till tomorrow . . . which is exactly what you will be doing!

There's only one way to go and that's up . . . I mean down . . . I mean, we have to go down to go up . . . I mean . . . oh, what the heck, follow me!

I'm a Preacher. I'll lead you outta here like Moses led his people out of certain death! Only you'll have to do one thing for me . . .

What's that?

You'll have to walk on water, too!



Wait! Women and children first!

Who said that?

A woman and a child!

Stop with the clowning and let's go already, before I get water-on-the-knee!

I'm too (puff) fat to climb up this Christmas tree!

What would you like to climb up instead . . . Mt. Everest? Get moving!

That Shelley Winters will do anything to steal a scene!



Just in time! The water is closing in on those who remained. I hate to see people drown . . . so, like, I'll close my eyes!

Have to anyway! This dampness is clogging up my sinuses!

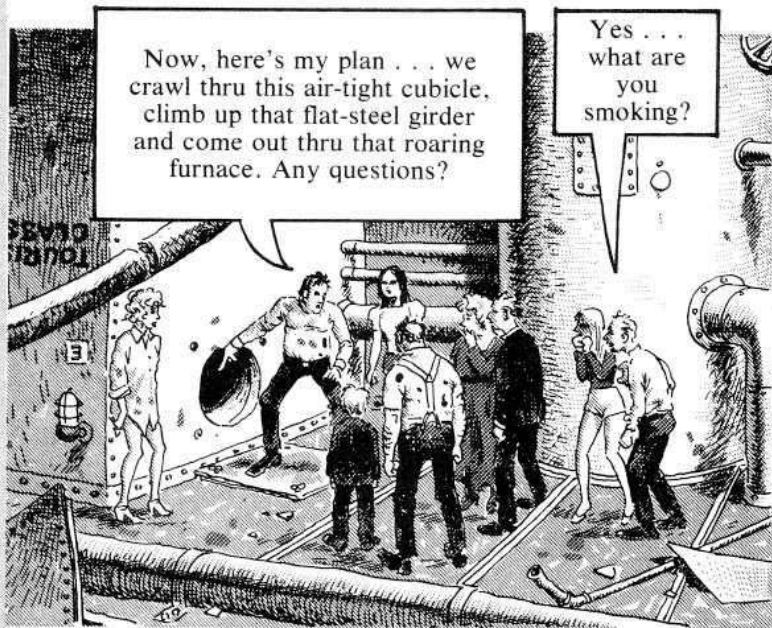
Man, what a horrible sight!

The drowning?

No, the drawing!

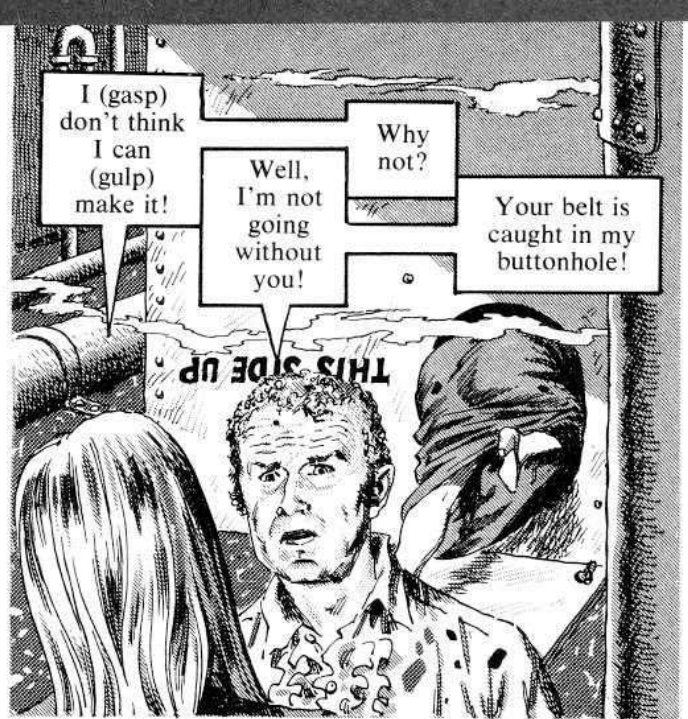
I can't bear to look at this ridiculous panel!





Now, here's my plan . . . we crawl thru this air-tight cubicle, climb up that flat-steel girder and come out thru that roaring furnace. Any questions?

Yes . . . what are you smoking?



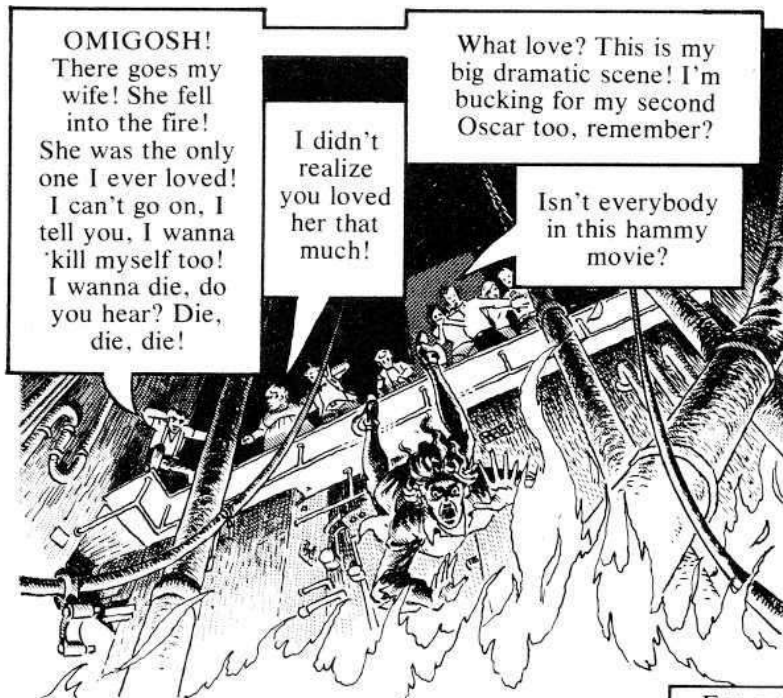
I (gasp) don't think I can (gulp) make it!

Why not?

Well, I'm not going without you!

Your belt is caught in my buttonhole!

THIS SIDE UP



OMIGOSH! There goes my wife! She fell into the fire! She was the only one I ever loved! I can't go on, I tell you, I wanna 'kill myself too! I wanna die, do you hear? Die, die, die!

I didn't realize you loved her that much!

What love? This is my big dramatic scene! I'm bucking for my second Oscar too, remember?

Isn't everybody in this hammy movie?

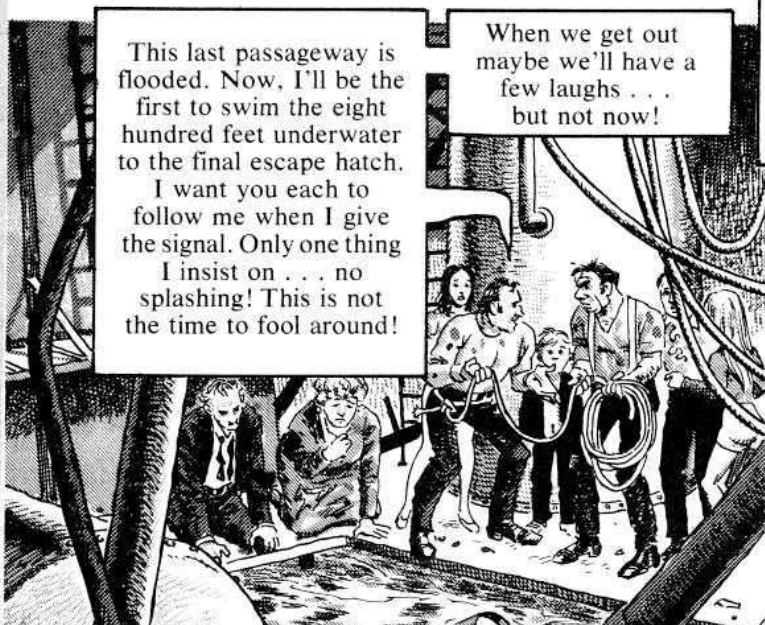
O.K., we've gone thru molten lava, burning charcoal and gaseous fumes . . . now for the hard part! For this last escape, you must each hold your breath for as long as possible!



How come?

We're going thru a lavatory!

ELECTRICIAN



This last passageway is flooded. Now, I'll be the first to swim the eight hundred feet underwater to the final escape hatch. I want you each to follow me when I give the signal. Only one thing I insist on . . . no splashing! This is not the time to fool around!

When we get out maybe we'll have a few laughs . . . but not now!

For a role like this, they shoulda had Mark Spitz!

Spitz! Spitz!

Mark who?

Shut up and close your mouth when you talk!



It's been two hours and he hasn't given us the signal yet . . . I'm beginning to think something is wrong! Either that, or he met a mermaid down there!

I used to be a champion swimmer. I'll go down and see! I was able to hold my breath 6 minutes when I was 17. Or was it 17 minutes when I was 6? Oh never mind, here I go!



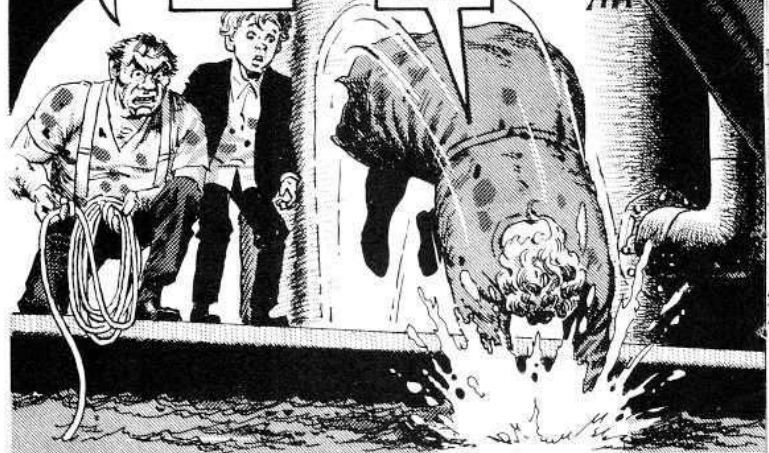
You're too fat for this job!

But my breath is thin!

How's that?

It comes in short pants!

Jump, already!



She (puff) saved me, and now (gasp) she's dead. That was her (gulp) big moment. She too (sigh) was bucking for her second Oscar!

. . . and (ugh) any woman who puts on 65 pounds for a role like this *deserves* an award!



Well, we finally made it! Here we are at the hull of the ship and we're gonna be rescued. I hear them drilling from the outside!

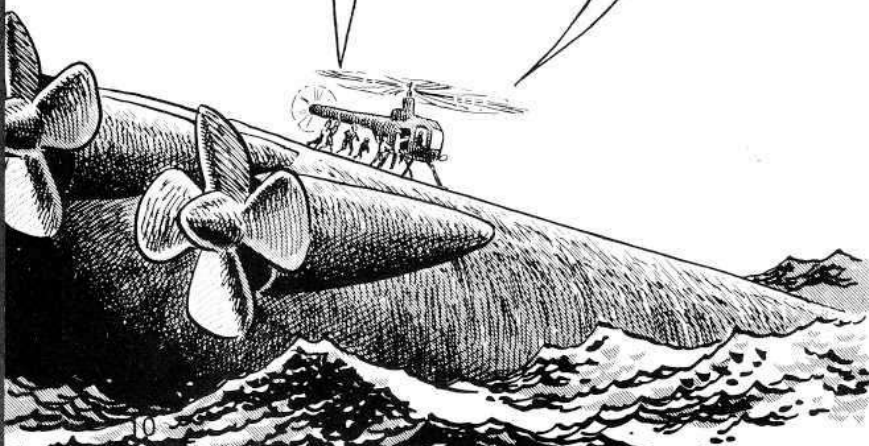
That's not drilling, that's my *knees* knocking!

That too, but I still hear drilling . . . we're about to be rescued. I knew we would be by our performances . . . only the good die young!



This helicopter will transfer us to another ship . . . a ship on which we'll finally be *safe*!

That's great! Which ship is that?



The Andrea Doria!

(ulp) I think I'm gonna be sick again!





CRACKED FUN SHOPPE



YOU CAN BE THE LIFE OF THE PARTY!
Want to be well-remembered after Suzy's party?

*Next year you won't have to bring her a gift
because you will be remembered,
but not invited!*



*Offer to give
her a Hand
in the kitchen!*

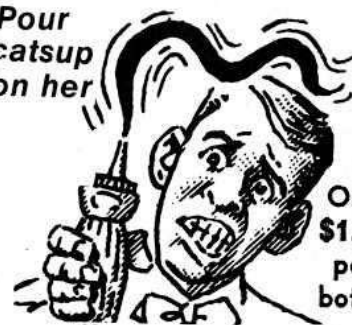
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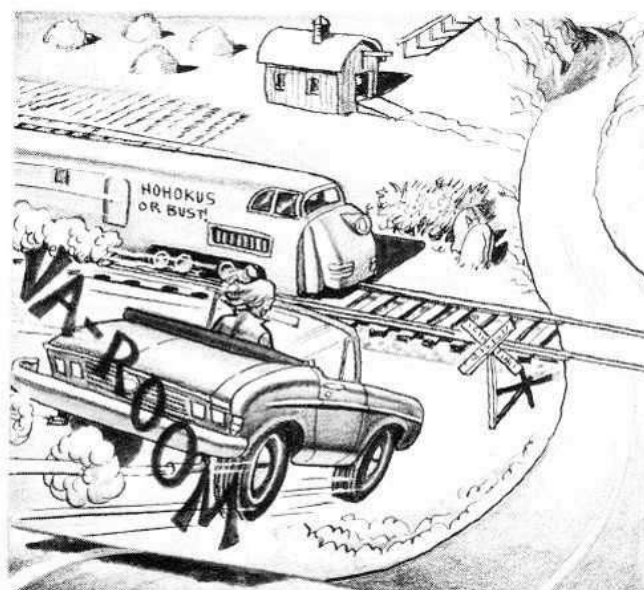
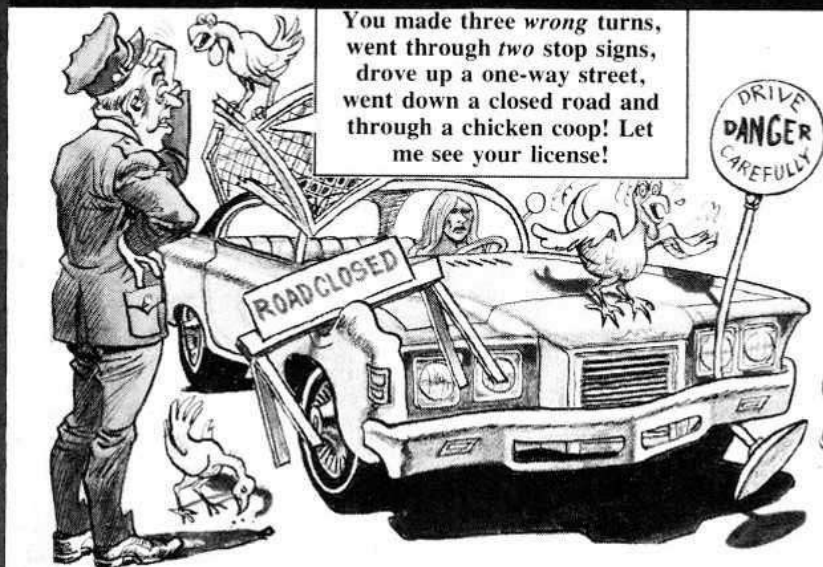
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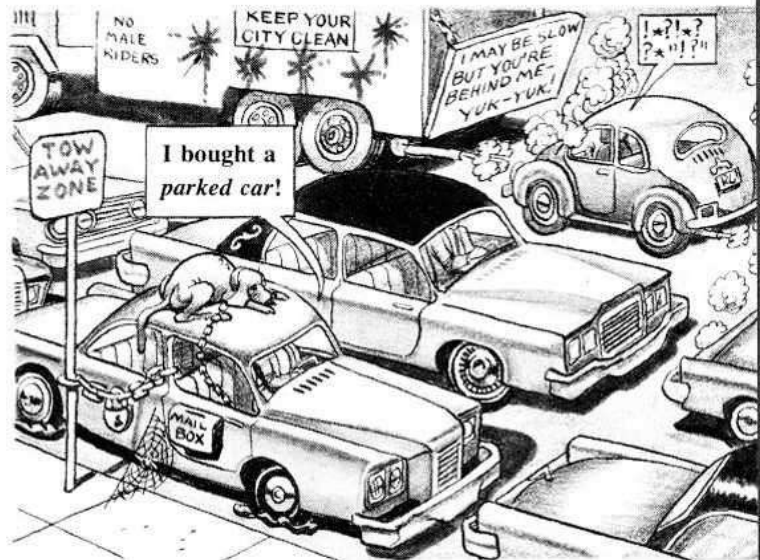
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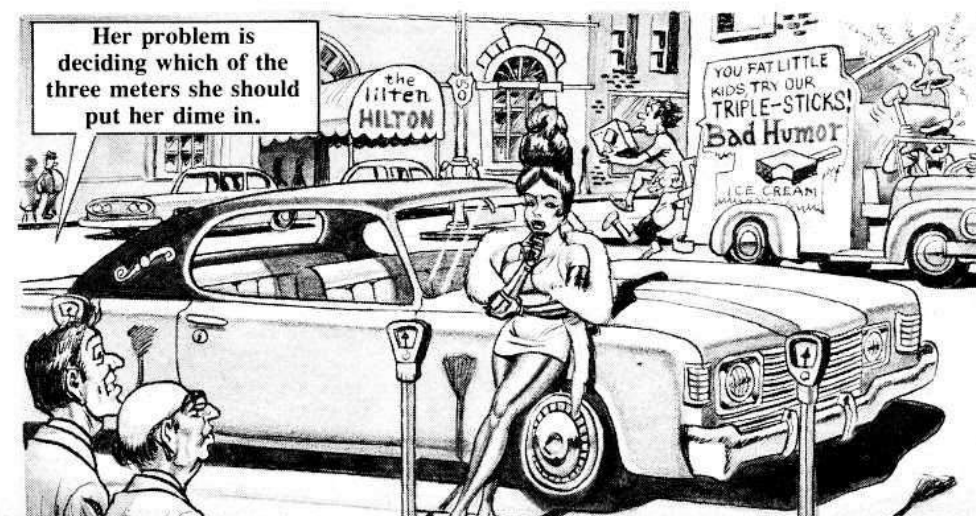
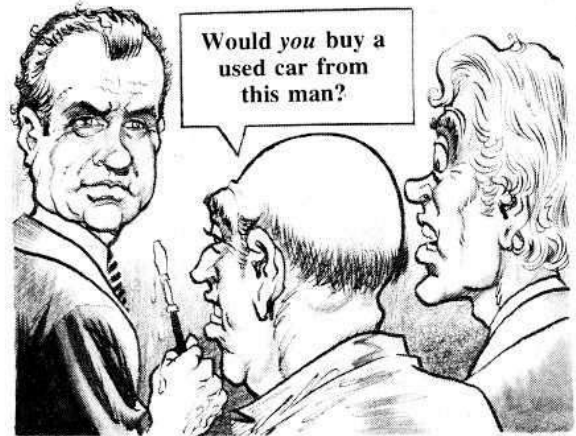
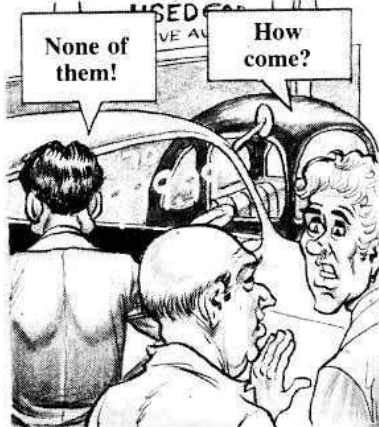
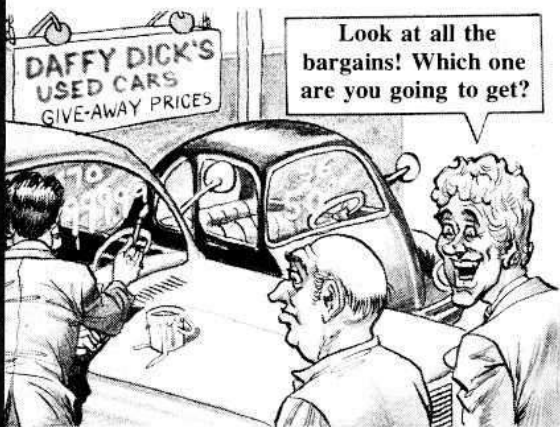
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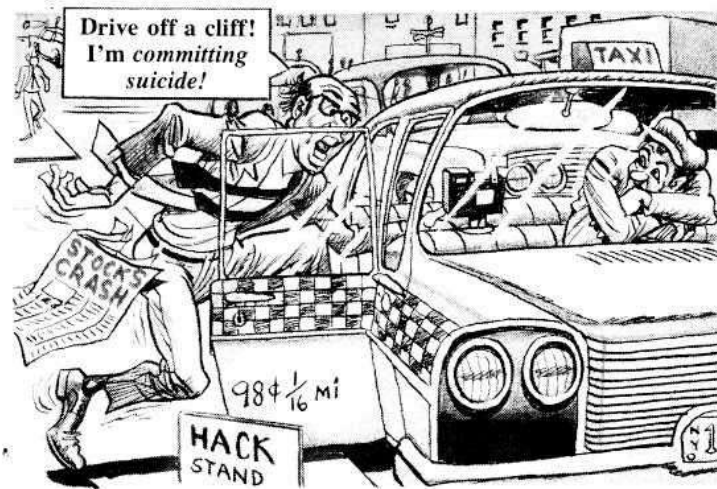
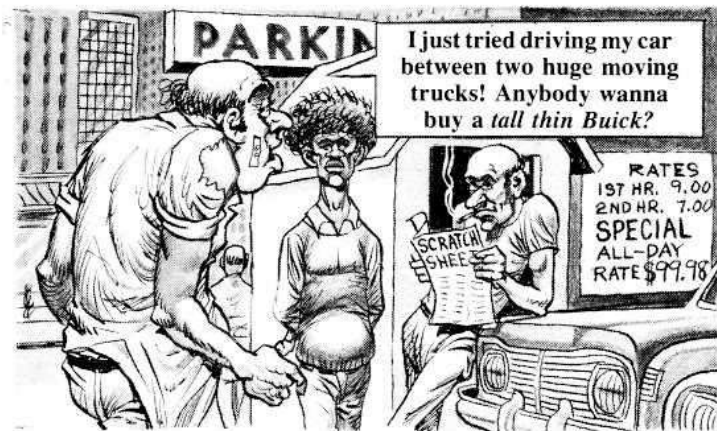
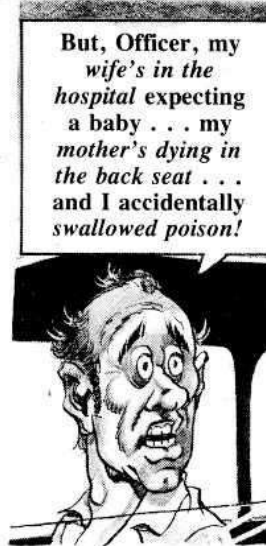


LOOKS AT DRIVERS

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CRACKED is applying a tourniquet to your neck so your nose won't run.



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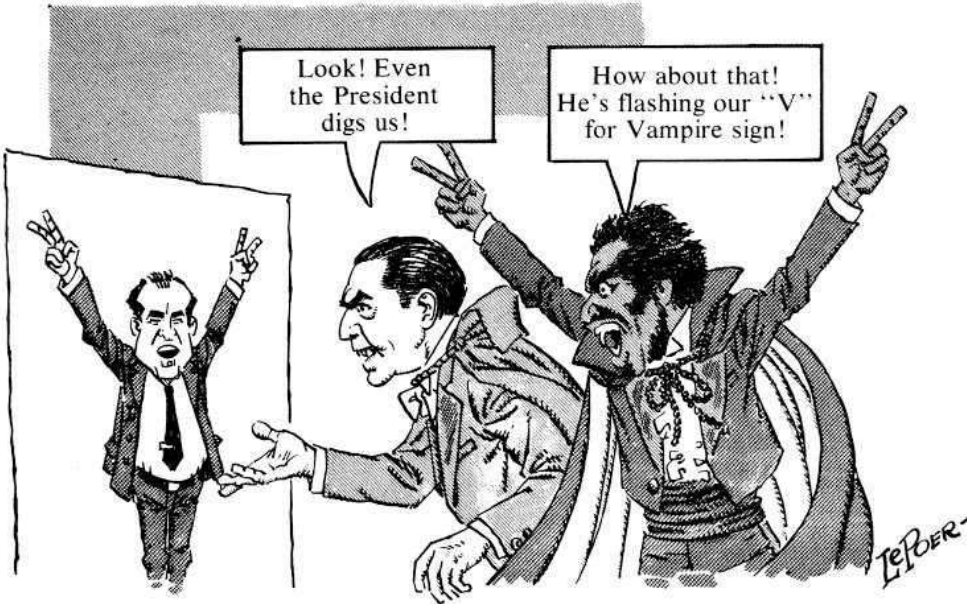
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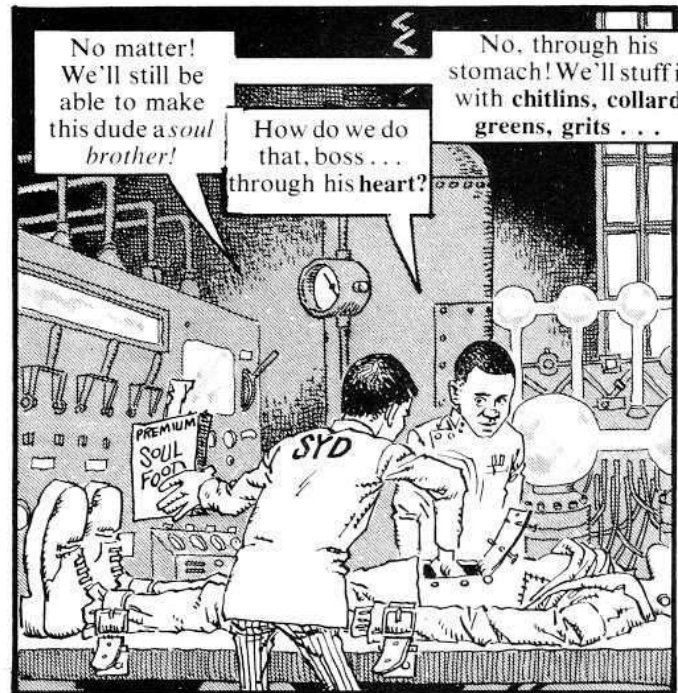
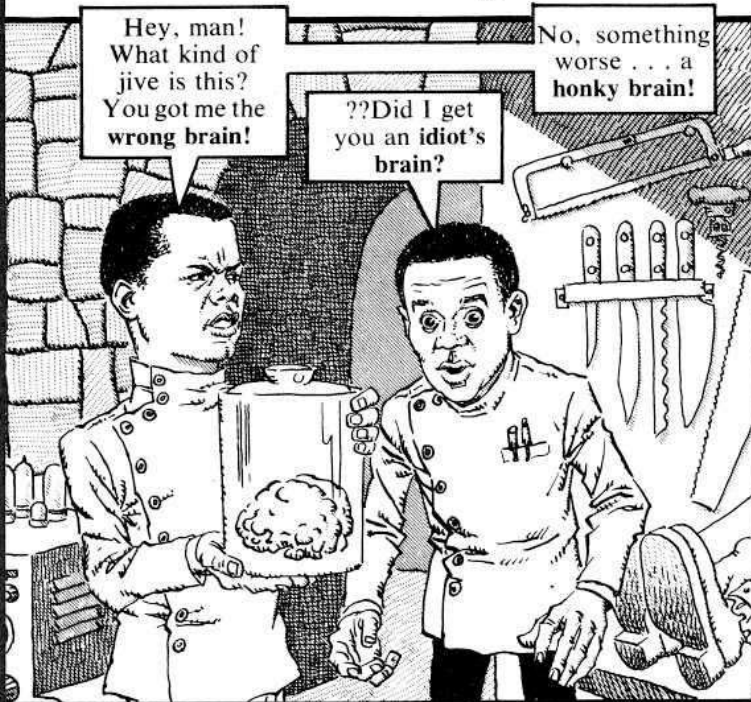
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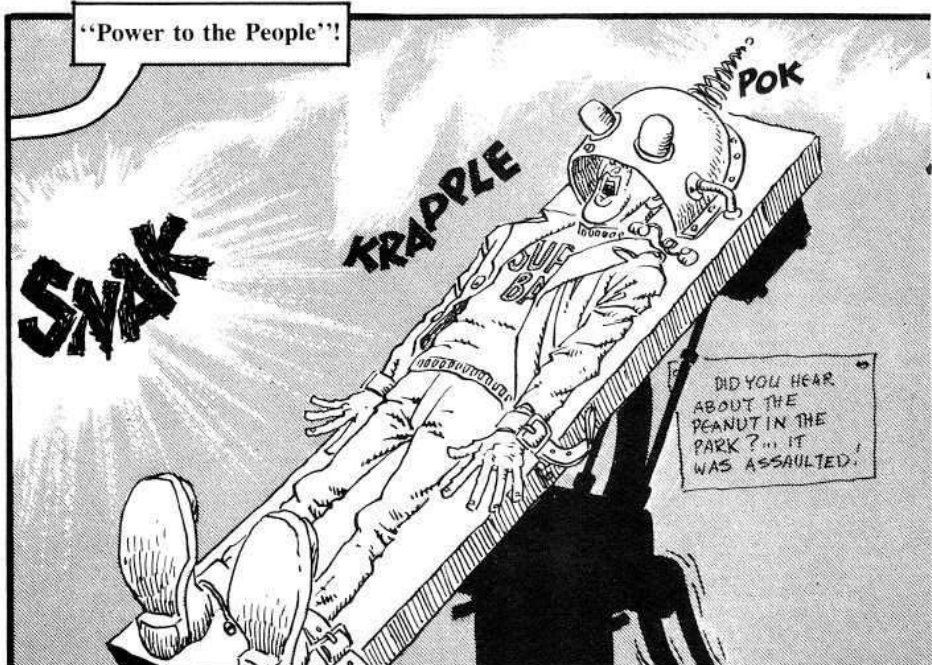




Sepia marauders are the rage in Hollywood. First it was Blacula, then Blackenstein! At this rate it won't be long before we see the Black Sea Creature doing the funky penguin. Bela and Boris, please stand aside and make way for the . . .

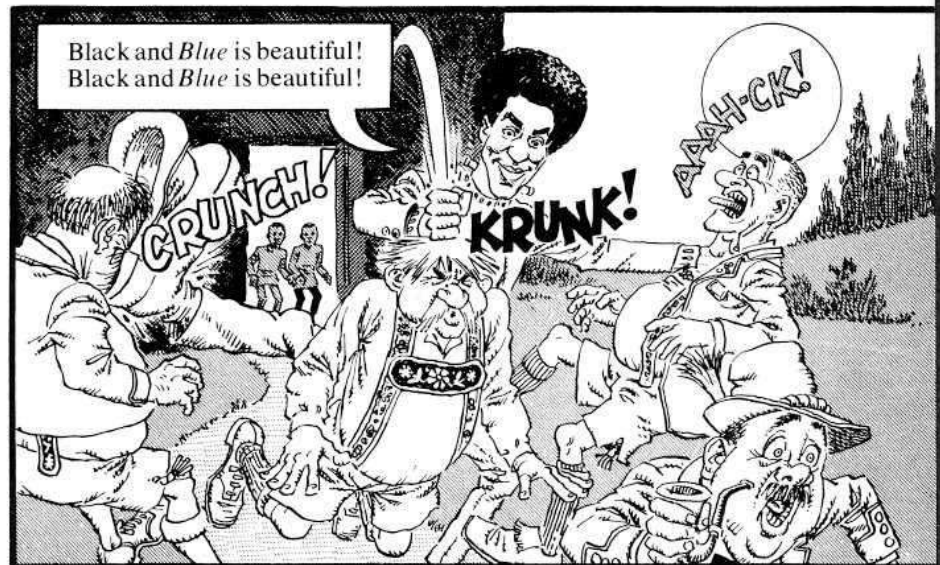
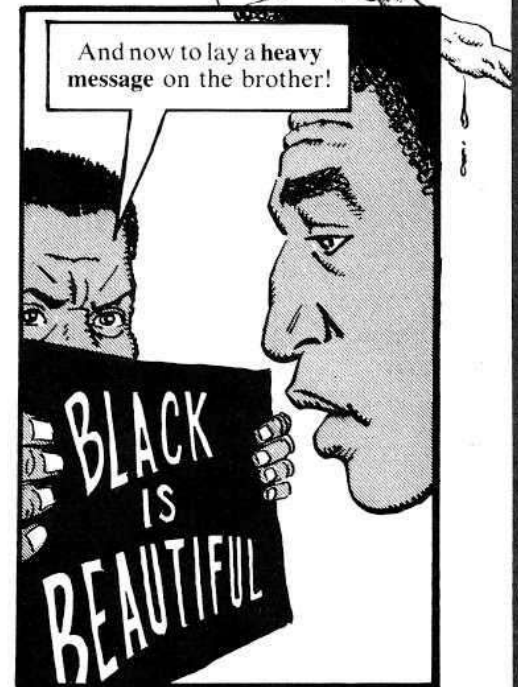
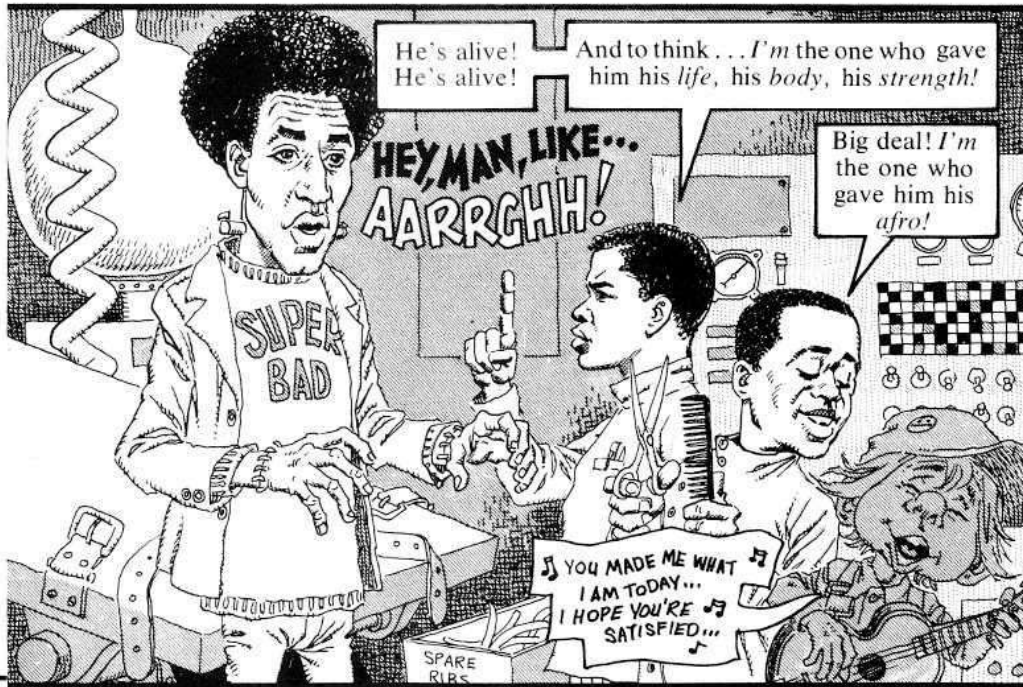


DIDJA KNOW a famed two-headed toe dancer once drowned and saved his own life by administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on himself?



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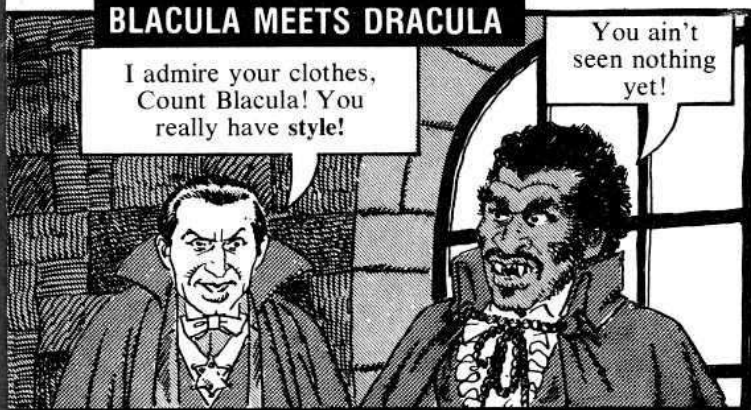
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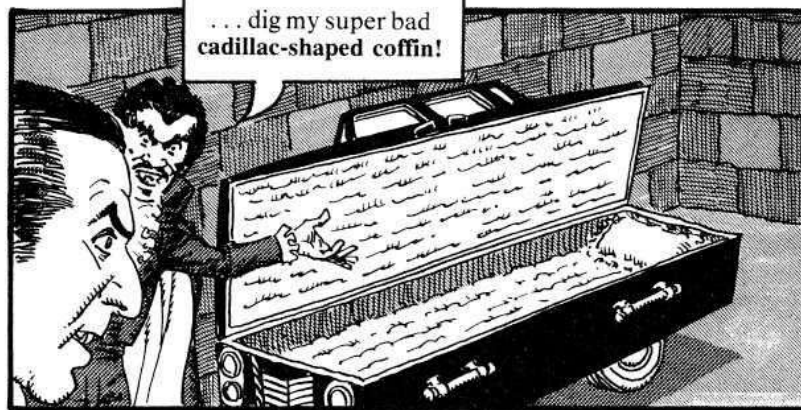
BLACULA MEETS DRACULA

I admire your clothes, Count Blacula! You really have style!

You ain't seen nothing yet!



... dig my super bad cadillac-shaped coffin!



DR. BLACKYL & MR. HYDE

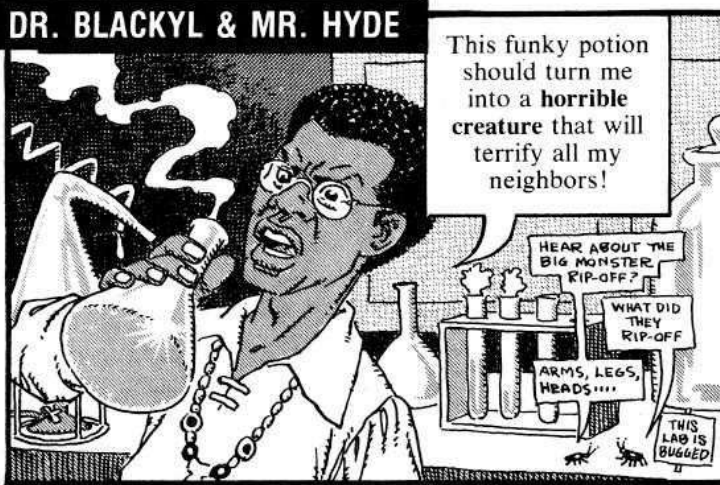
This funky potion should turn me into a horrible creature that will terrify all my neighbors!

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WHAT DID THEY RIP-OFF

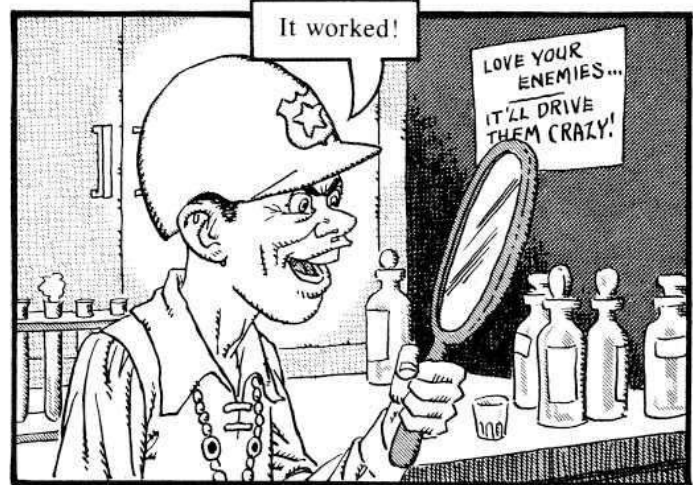
ARMS, LEGS, HEADS....

THIS LAB IS BUGGED!



It worked!

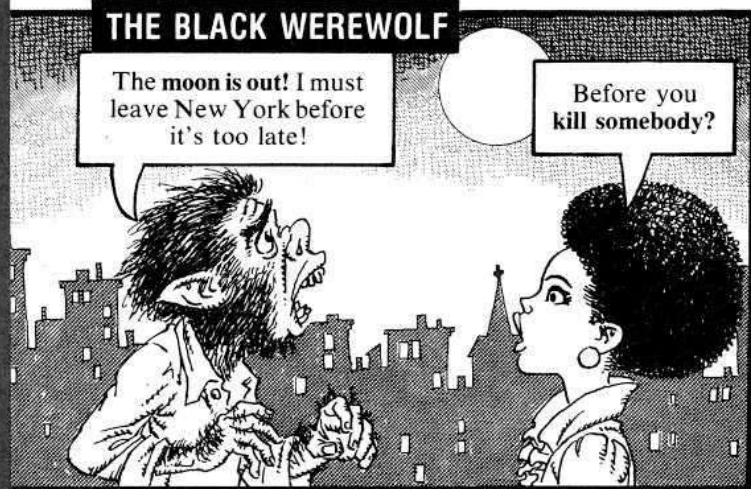
LOVE YOUR ENEMIES... IT'LL DRIVE THEM CRAZY!



THE BLACK WEREWOLF

The moon is out! I must leave New York before it's too late!

Before you kill somebody?

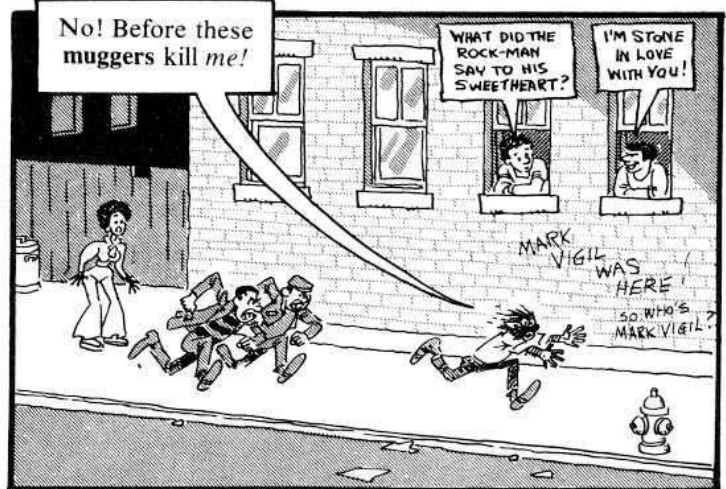


No! Before these muggers kill me!

WHAT DID THE ROCK-MAN SAY TO HIS SWEETHEART?

I'M STONE IN LOVE WITH YOU!

MARK VIGIL WAS HERE SO WHO'S MARK VIGIL?

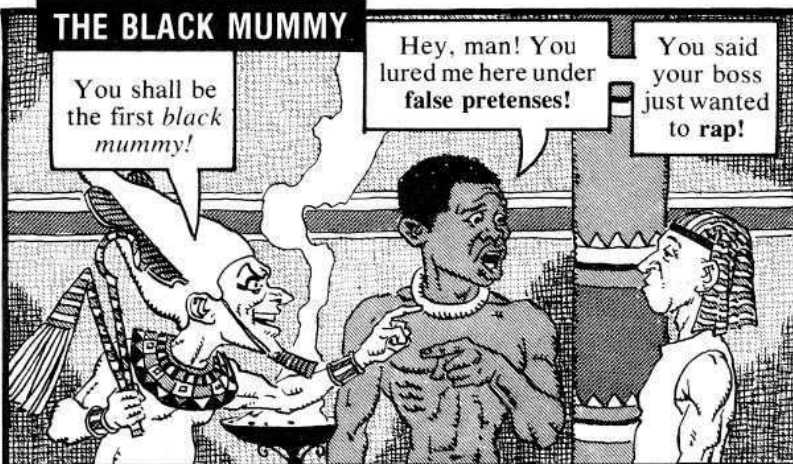


THE BLACK MUMMY

You shall be the first black mummy!

Hey, man! You lured me here under false pretenses!

You said your boss just wanted to rap!



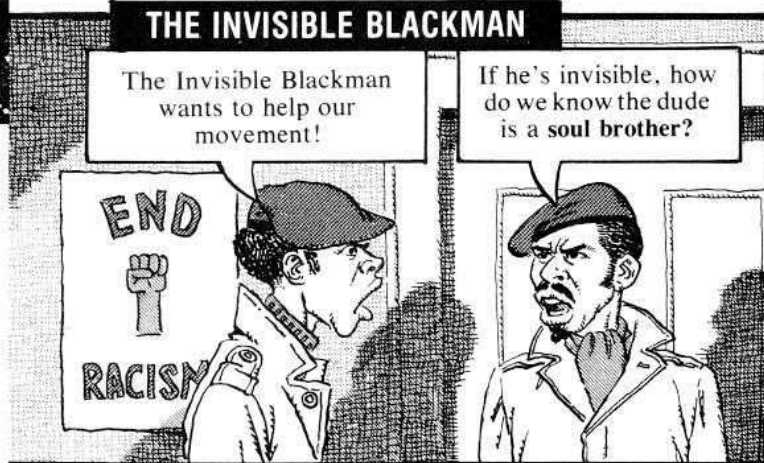
That's right! He just wants to wrap!



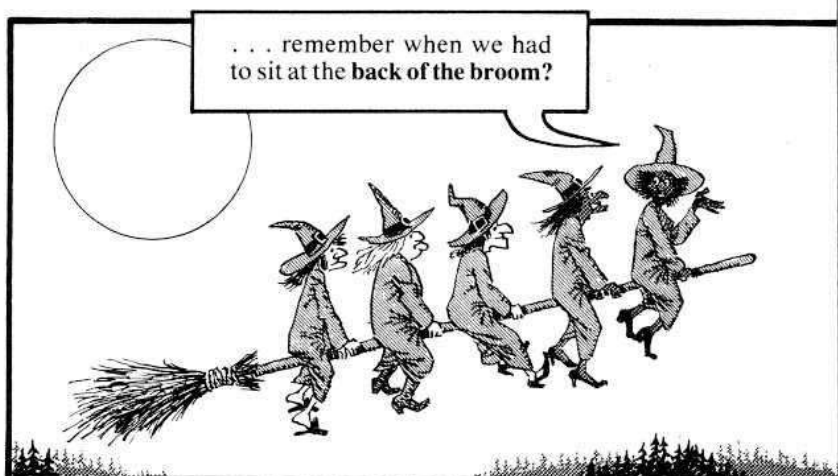
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THE INVISIBLE BLACKMAN



THE BLACK WITCH



RETURN OF SUPER FLY

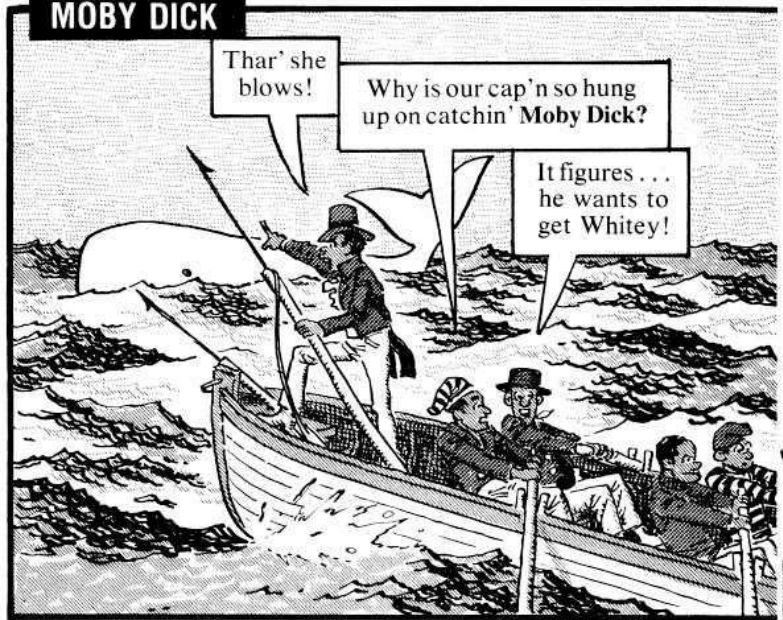


EVENTUALLY WE CAN EXPECT ALL OF THE GREAT FILM CLASSICS TO BE REMADE AS BLACK MOVIES...

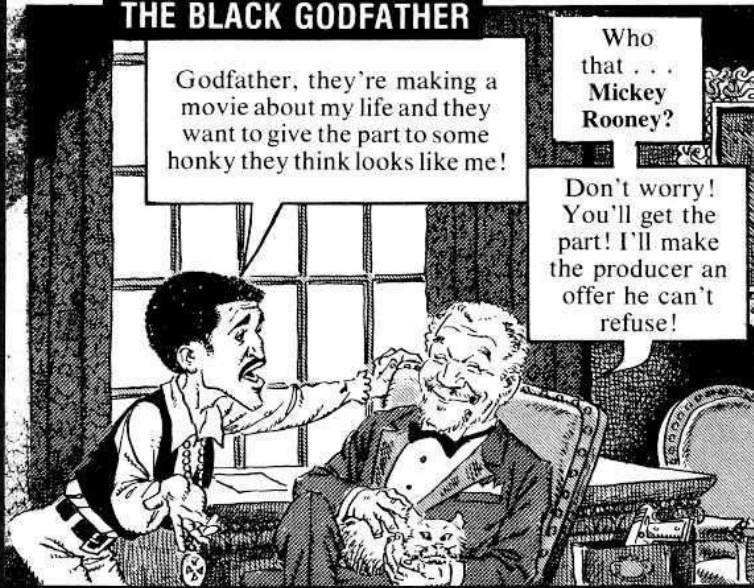
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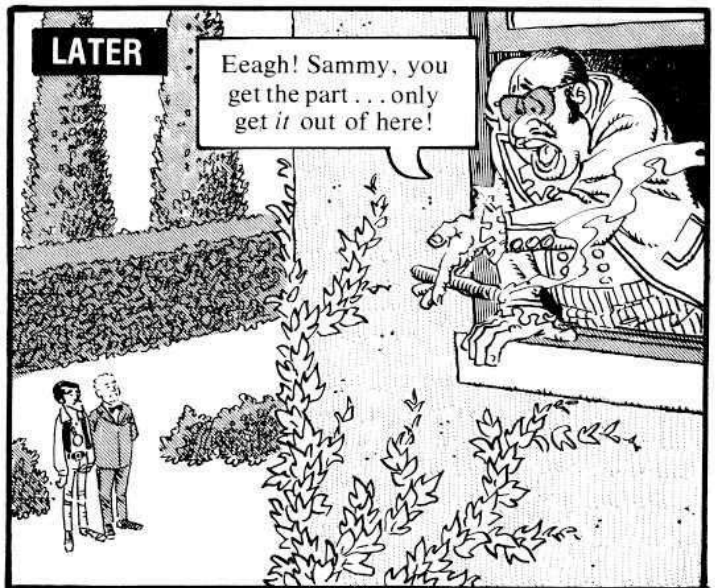
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THE BLACK GODFATHER

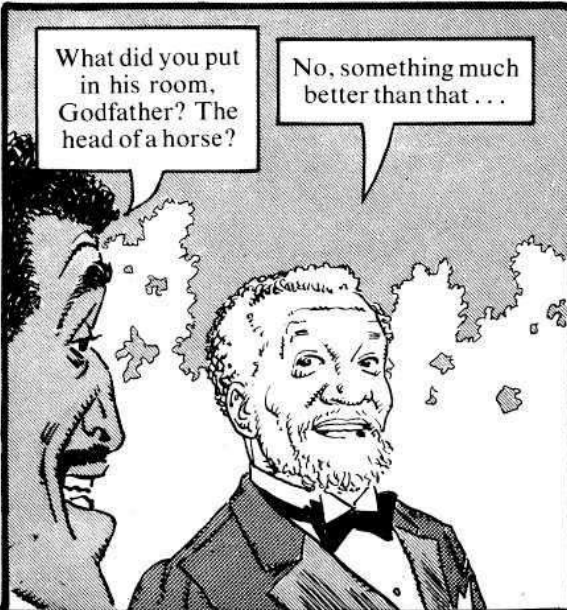


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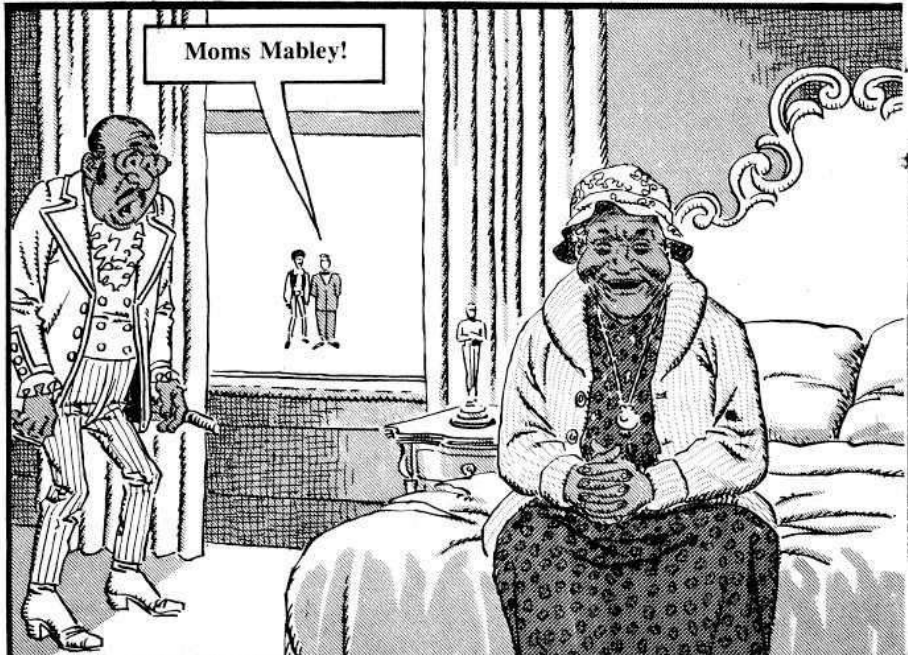


What did you put in his room, Godfather? The head of a horse?

No, something much better than that . . .



Moms Mabley!



Students of psychic phenomena may be making too much of a mysterious sixth sense. Perhaps what we mean by ESP (Extra-Sensory Perception) is nothing more than a super-developed form of our EXISTING senses. You'll sense what we mean as CRACKED proceeds to make no sense out of the five senses in interviews with people who possess

SUPER SENSES

The most famous example of a super sense—
Superguy's X-Ray Vision.

Superguy, can you tell me what card I am holding?

My X-Ray vision penetrates through three bodies to tell me it is the Ace of Clubs!

Big deal!
Anyone can see through a politician!



SUPER TASTE

Ms. Clair Voyant, how does your *super sense of taste* aid you as a used-car appraiser?

It helps me spot the lemons!



Clair, would you do me a favor? . . . Bzzz Bzzz Bzzz



Hmmm! He's very sweet! Yes, Judy, your new boyfriend is a *genuine sugar-daddy*!



SUPER SIGHT



SUPER TOUCH



SUPER HEARING

Before I let you in I have to make sure you're conservatively dressed!

Why, Mr. Lenz?

My super sensitive ears can't stand loud clothes!

Shh! Be quiet, you guys! We have company!

??You're conversing with dollar bills??

Sure! Haven't you heard . . . money talks?

DAH-LING-I HAVE YEN FOR YOU!

I had a cousin who also had super hearing, but now he's stone deaf!

. . . He accidentally wandered by Fort Knox and all that gold blew out his eardrums!

SUPER SMELL

Mr. Upson Downes, I understand you have super smelling abilities!

Yes! Excuse me for a second . . . the Philadelphia Phillies are back in town! Phew!

You can't imagine the unbelievable stench in this city the year round!

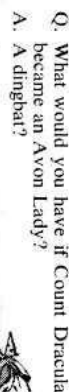
. . . The Phillies in the Spring and Summer, the Eagles in the Fall and the 76er's in the Winter!

If it's so unbearably smelly here in Philadelphia, why don't you move?

The smell would be just as bad anywhere else I went . . .

You see . . . this magazine is found all over the country! Gasp!

CRACKED *Looks at a Wedding Reception*





I know they're a hip couple, but do you think "Hip-A-Boogie Garbage Rock" is appropriate for the bride and groom's first dance?

Did you see my apple turnover?

Yeah . . . it happened right after my banana split!

You asked me for a screwdriver. It'll turn anything loose.

What's that?

Only the ones I have to pay for, Agnes.

Neither! I just hang out here every week for a free meal.

The bride is sure going to be a good little economical wife.

I saw her saving the rice people threw at her!

How can you tell?

This is such a big lovely affair . . . which side of the family are you on?

Where are the bride and groom honeymooning?

Well, he wanted to go to Bayville and she wanted to go to Hawaii. But instead of starting off their marriage with a big fight, they're compromising by going to a place that neither one of them likes.

Do you think anyone will notice that we booked two receptions into this hall at the same time?

Are you kidding! Both are Italian weddings!

McCLOD

John Wayne!

gang at 4th Street!

... on a swamp!

POLICEMAN'S BALL
TICKETS ON SALE NOW
\$5 DONATION
YOU COME TO OUR BALL...
WE COME TO YOUR HOLD-UP

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NIRVÈS

McClod, I admire the way you keep your cool! Don't you even get angry when they call you PIG?

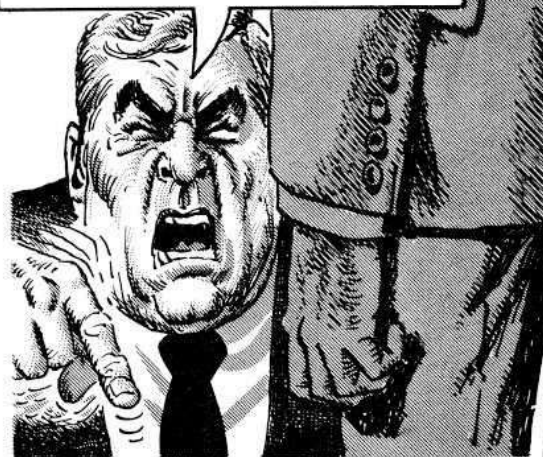
Shucks no, Captain! That's a compliment! Where ah come from pigs is part of the family!

Oh, well, here's your next assignment. Big Ed, boss of all the rackets, is back in this country illegally. I want you to track him down, arrest him, bring him to justice, and mainly, sit on his lap when they strap him in the electric chair!

... and step on it!

Right, Captain!

YAH-HH! You Nitwit! Again you're stepping on my foot! McClod, get outta here before I bust you! Not arrest you... I mean bust you!

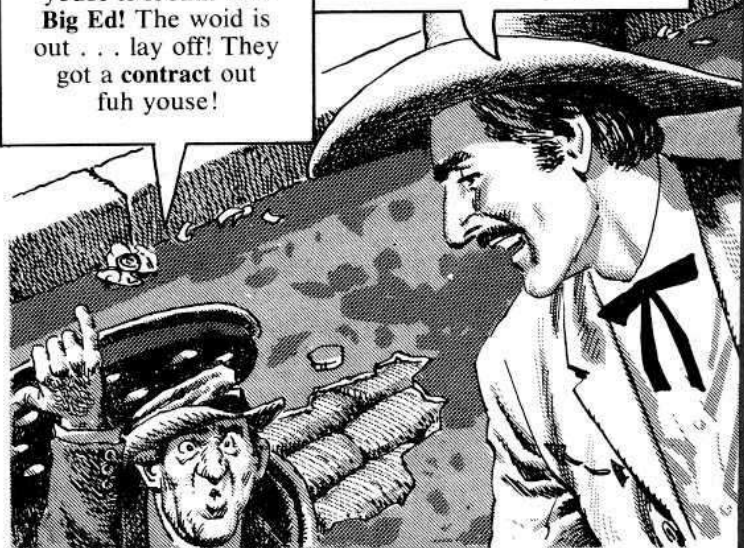


That there Captain critter ain't no help! Gotta find me a stoolie. Somebody who'll gimme a lead on where Big Ed is holed up. Better still, gimme a lead on where I can hole up... haven't found me a room to stay in yet!

New York is a nice place to live... but ah wouldn't wanna die here!

Psst, McClod! I hear youse is lookin' fuh Big Ed! The woid is out... lay off! They got a contract out fuh youse!

A contract? That's wonderful! Gimme... ah'll sign it!



Wow, if youse is that dumb I figger there's no stopping youse! So, like, I'll tell youse where Big Ed is!

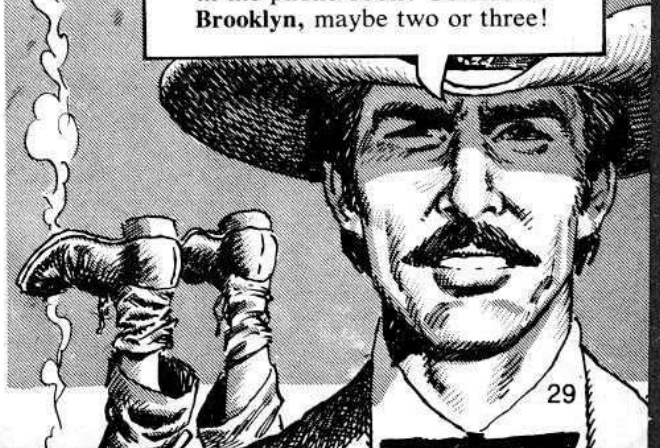
He's stayin' at the home of an ol' buddy. Now, hear me... the ol' buddy's name is...

ARGHH-H!!



Poor varmint is dead! But he tol' me whut ah gotta do now is... look for this fella name of Arghh-h!

Shouldn't be much trouble. I mean, how many Arghh-h's can there be in the phone book? Outside of Brooklyn, maybe two or three!



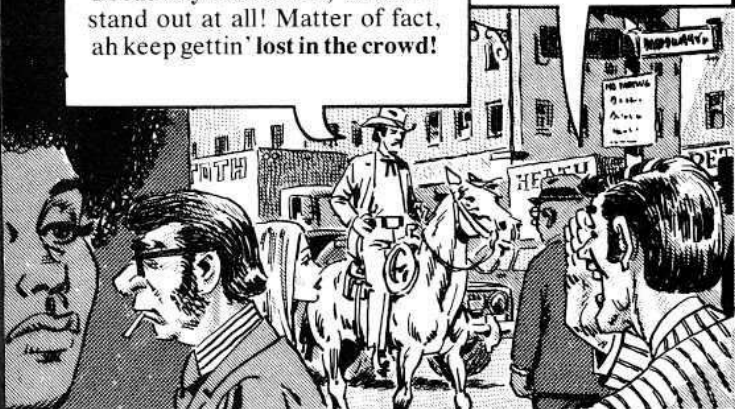
Well, here ah go agin, trottin' on mah Palamino down ol' Broadway! Used to think ah'd attract attention this way, but after seein' some of these **Broadway** characters, ah don't stand out at all! Matter of fact, ah keep gettin' lost in the crowd!

Hey, Horsey! Any inside tips on the **Kentucky Derby**? You know . . . from the horse's mouth?

We're comin' to an **Eye-talian** neighborhood. Think ah'll get me some of that there **PIZZA** ah hear so much about. Ah'm so **hungry** ah could eat mah saddle!

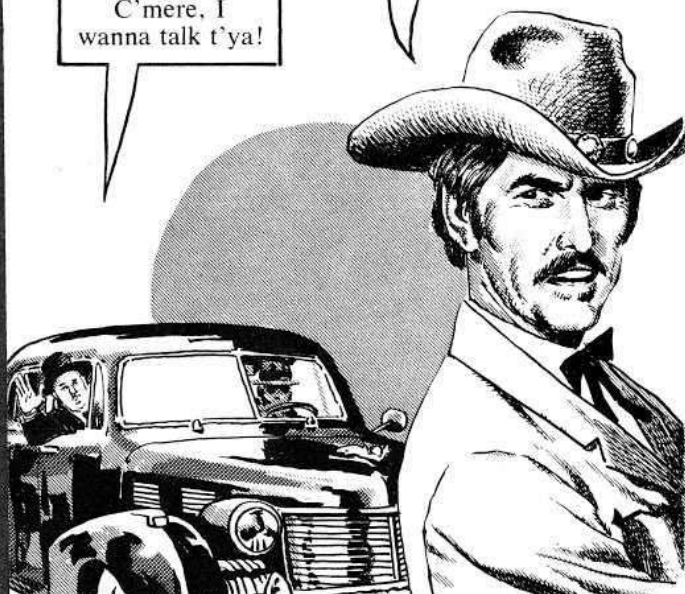
What in the world is *that*?

I dunno, I think it's an *elephant*!



Hey, you! Boots! C'mere, I wanna talk t'ya!

Huh? Wha-h? Who's a-callin' me?



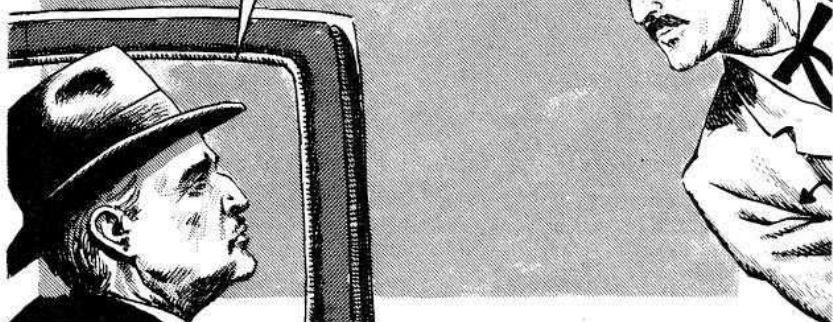
Who are you, Mister? Speak up now!

Funny . . . you don't look like a **Church** fella!

Les' jus' say I'm a **Godfather**!

I'm a **Mafioso**!

Hm-m . . . must be one of them **new-fangled religions**.



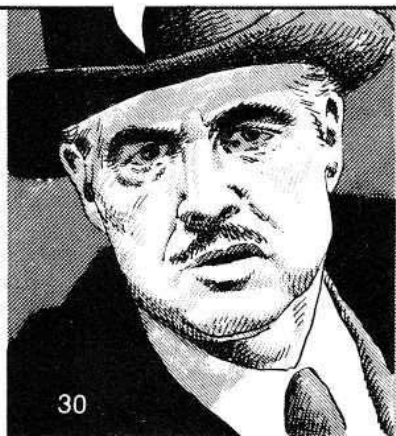
Now lissen good . . . I don' like ta repeat. I wanya ta lay off **Big Ed** as a pers'nal favor ta me, ya unnerstan'? Stop bodderin' him or we gonna hafta **hit ya**, capish?

No offense, pardner, but I ain't understood a word yuh said!

Do you always **mumble** like that?

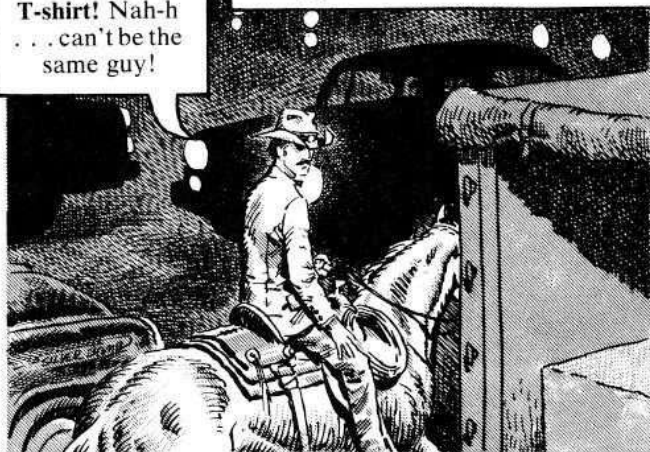
No, only when I talk!

Funny, but I t'ought you were da one wit' da **speech defect**!



Still say he
looks familiar.
Ah think ah
saw him once
in a **torn
T-shirt!** Nah-h
... can't be the
same guy!

Well, no **Pizza** places open. Ah
think ah'll mosey on down to
Chinatown an' try some of the
Chinese food. I hear that
chopped sewer is sumthin' else!



Likee soup,
maybe? We
havum **Won-Ton!**

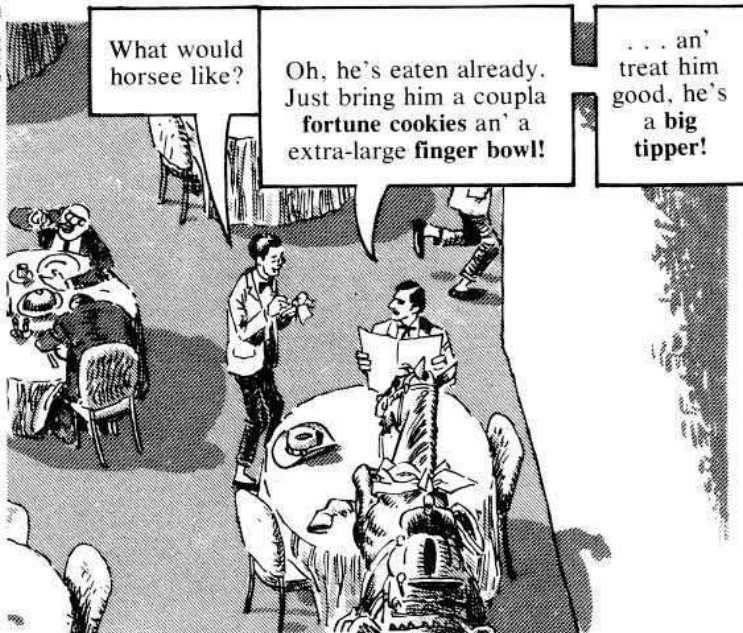
Sounds great, but ah'm
tryin' to cut down. Just
bring me **half a ton!**



What would
horsee like?

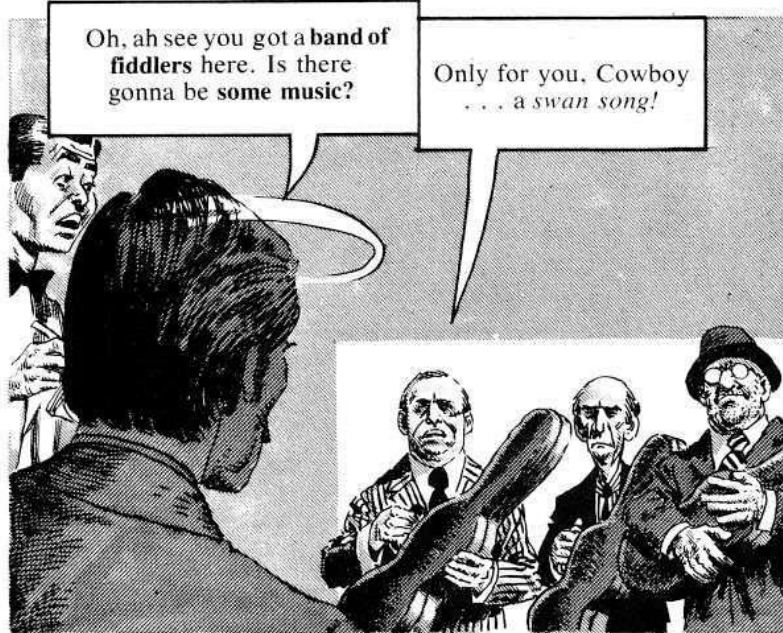
Oh, he's eaten already.
Just bring him a coupla
fortune cookies an' a
extra-large finger bowl!

... an'
treat him
good, he's
a **big
tipper!**



Oh, ah see you got a band of
fiddlers here. Is there
gonna be some music?

Only for you, Cowboy
... a **swan song!**



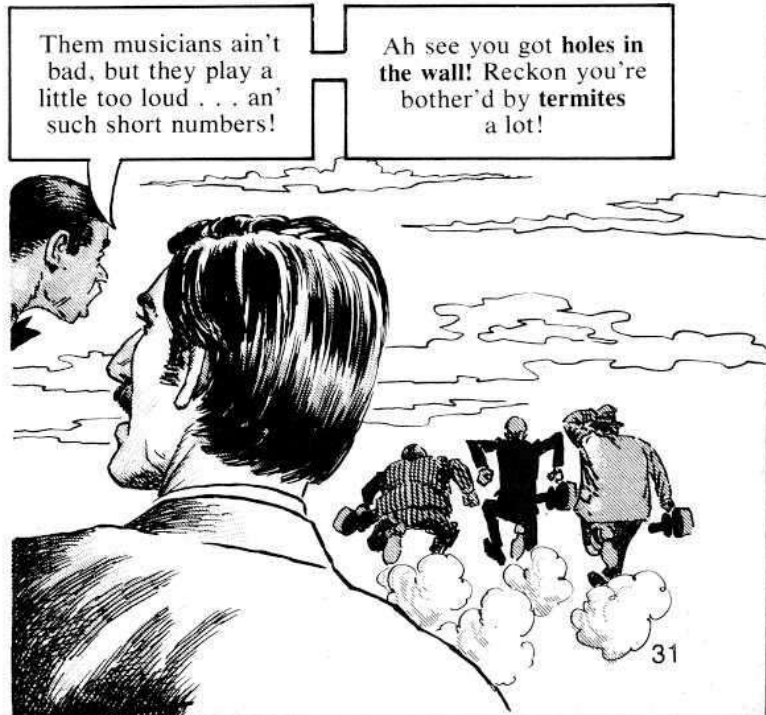
Oops, ah
dropped ma hat!

BRRRA-TAT-TATTA-TAT



Them musicians ain't
bad, but they play a
little too loud ... an'
such short numbers!

Ah see you got **holes in
the wall!** Reckon you're
bother'd by **termites**
a lot!

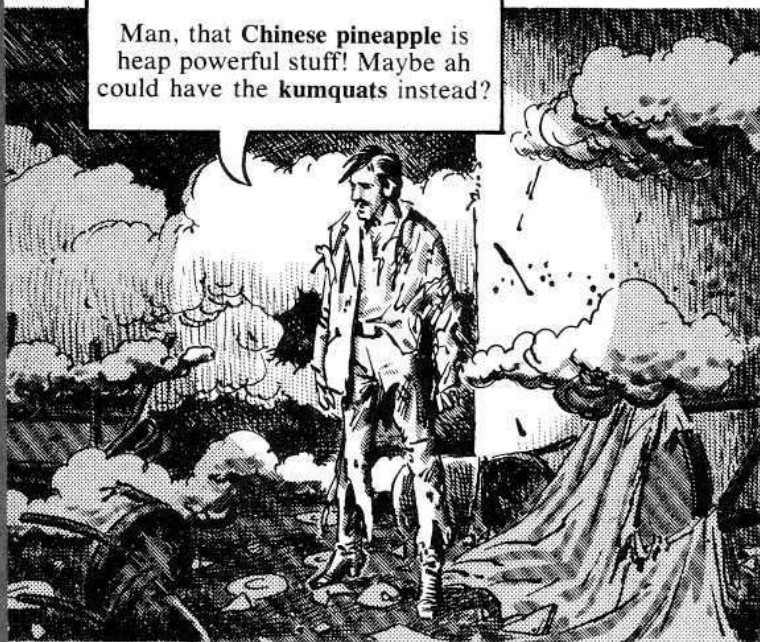


Here is dessert, mister
... nice *pineapple*!
Wait, me pull out *stem*
for you!

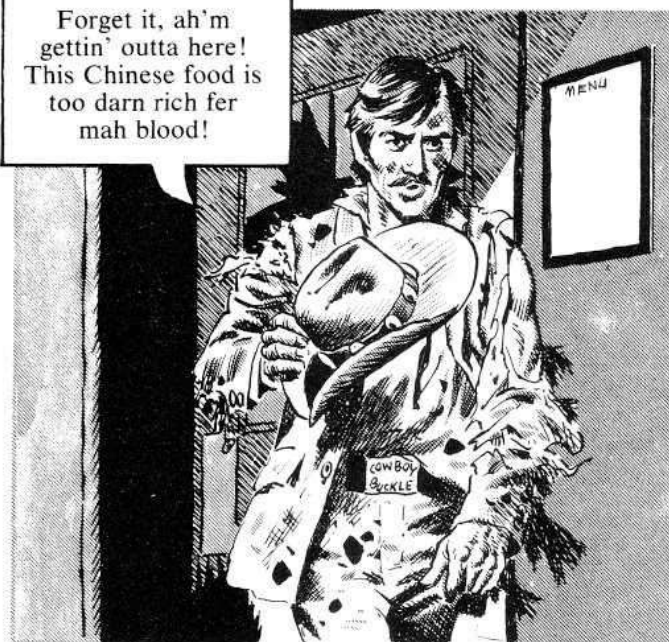
That's mahty decent of you,
pardner. Hope ah don't
get too big a charge out
of this!



Man, that Chinese pineapple is
heap powerful stuff! Maybe ah
could have the *kumquats* instead?



Forget it, ah'm
gettin' outta here!
This Chinese food is
too darn rich fer
mah blood!



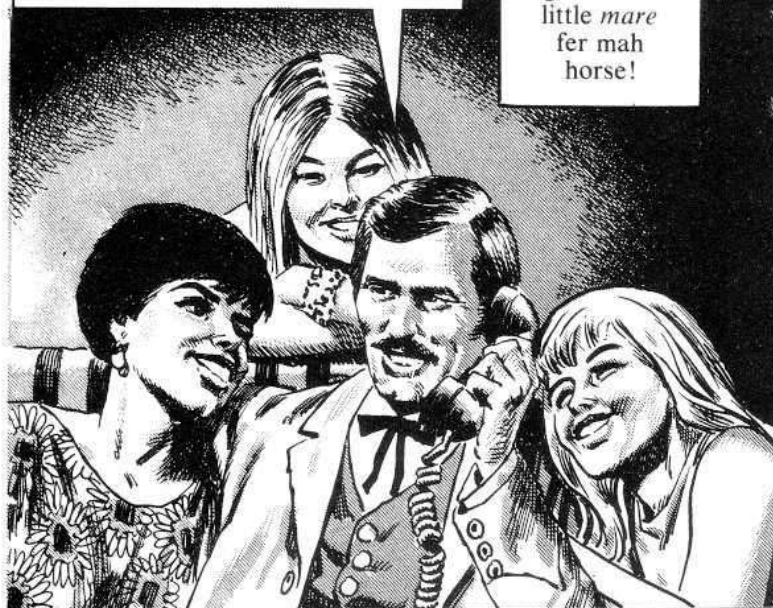
Hello, Captain? Ah
decided to stop lookin'
fer Big Ed. You can take
me off the case!

That's not like you,
McClod! Have you
sold out to the *Syndicate*?



Not exactly, Captain... let's just
say that they made me an offer
ah couldn't refuse!

Say, honey,
maybe you
got a cute
little *mare*
fer mah
horse!



So you're gonna have a wedding! Well, now that you've made the first mistake of getting caught, better start saving your money because wedding costs are staggering (as will be most of the guests at your reception). Now you can go ahead and waste \$10,000 on arrangements without thinking, or else you can follow some simple advice and cut those costs down to around \$5.98. How? All you need do is follow CRACKED's instructions on . . .

HOW TO REDUCE WEDDING COSTS

Who To Invite

Invite only those you really like or have the reception on a first-come, first-serve basis.

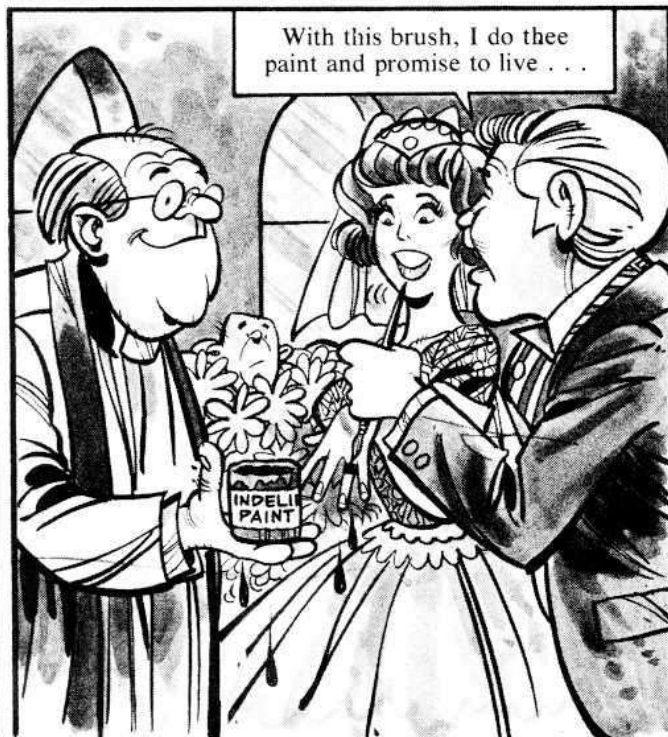
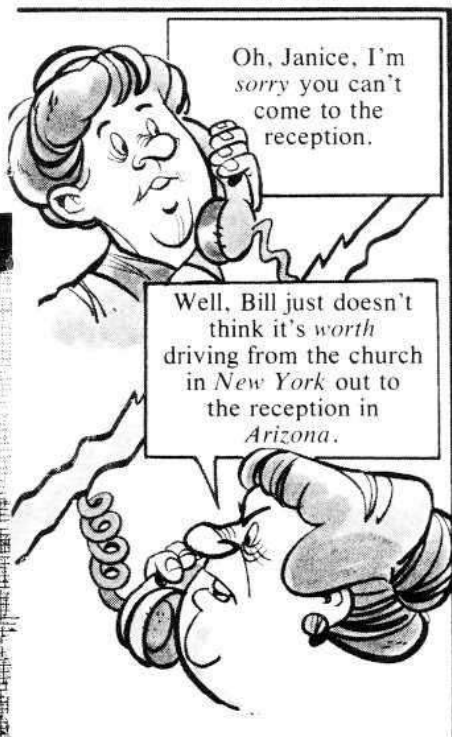


. . . or better yet, invite everyone! But to discourage people from attending, have the reception at an inconvenient place.

Rings For example . . . why buy gold wedding bands (which you'll probably lose) when there's a more permanent, less expensive way.

Invitations

And there's no need to print up separate invitations. Instead, attach your announcement onto something else being sent to the desired address.



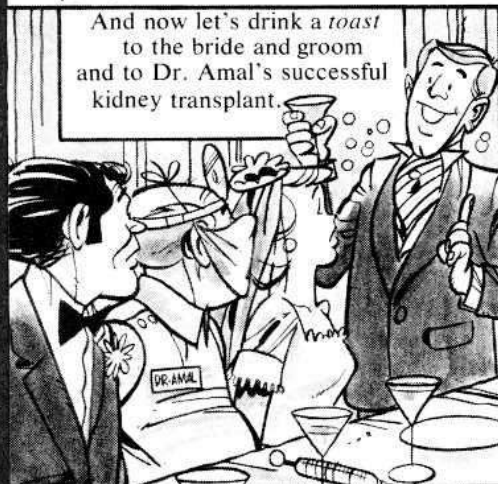
Renting The Hall

There are a number of ways of cutting down the figure of renting a hall for the reception too!

You might try sharing the expenses of a hall with another person.

Or, if you're cunning enough, sneak your guests into someone else's reception.

Or you could hold it at a public park or beach where the rental is free.



And now let's drink a toast to the bride and groom and to Dr. Amal's successful kidney transplant.



Who's that other bride and groom running around?

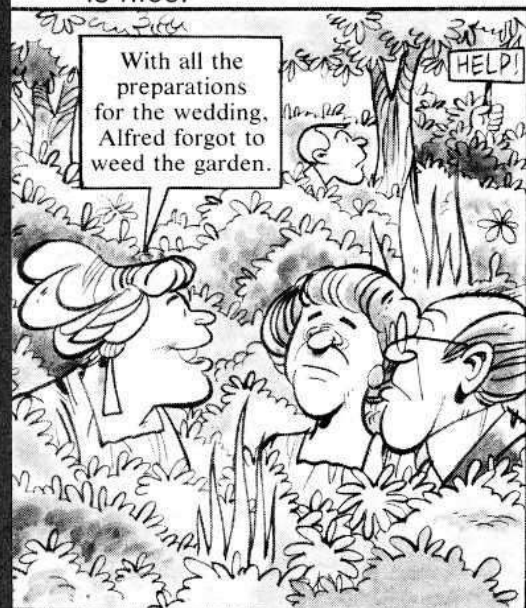
Martha, at a big wedding, you can't know everyone!



If you have a large enough backyard, a garden wedding is nice.

And even if you live in an apt, the house need not be messed if you hold it on the terrace.

Or you can just have everyone meet at a local eating place where you pick up the tab.

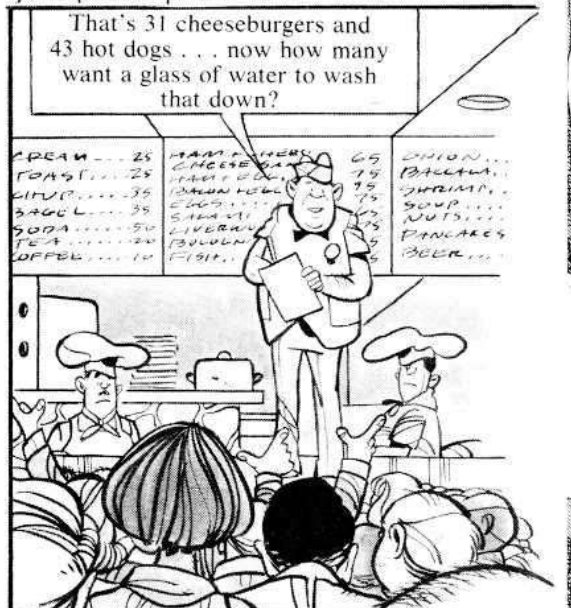


With all the preparations for the wedding, Alfred forgot to weed the garden.

HELP!



O.K. everyone, step back and let the bride and groom out for their first dance.

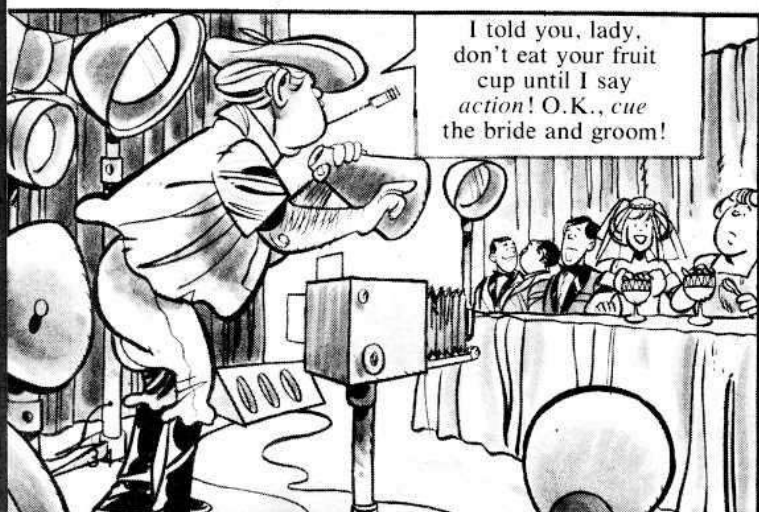


That's 31 cheeseburgers and 43 hot dogs . . . now how many want a glass of water to wash that down?

ICE CREAM . . . 25	PIZZA . . . 65	CHILI . . . 15
FOAM . . . 25	CHEESE . . . 15	BALLS . . . 15
LIVER . . . 35	EGGS . . . 15	SOUP . . . 15
SAGG . . . 35	EGGS . . . 15	NOODLES . . . 15
SODA . . . 50	LIVER . . . 15	PANCAKES . . . 15
TEA . . . 25	EGGS . . . 15	BEER . . . 15
COFFEE . . . 15	FISH . . . 15	

Other Costs

When it comes to hiring a photographer, an experienced one is nice, but besides being costly, they sometimes hinder the naturalness of the wedding.



I told you, lady, don't eat your fruit cup until I say action! O.K., cue the bride and groom!

As for the music, hire an unknown local band.



Now this time when we play the wedding march, I wanna feature our string section!

A limousine is essential, but instead of renting a '73, hire a slightly older model.



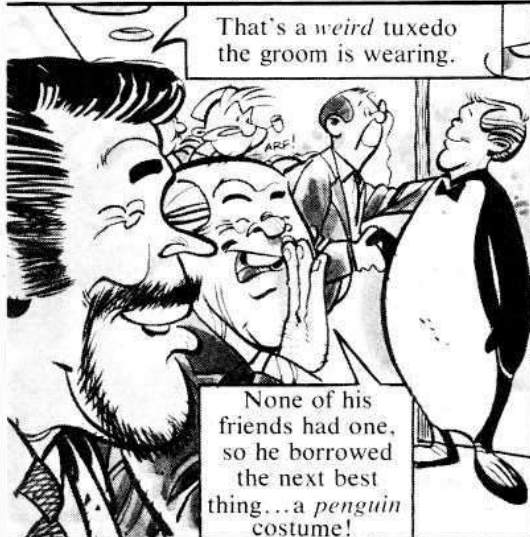
And many people fancy lavish wedding cakes, but most go wasted. Instead use a homemade one.



Instead of the bride buying a gown, she should borrow one from someone else in the family.



Likewise the groom! Instead of renting a tuxedo, he too should try to borrow one.



Instead of paying for a new marriage license, try to pick up a used one.



Cutting Food Costs

The main cost at a reception will usually be food and drink, but fear not because here too there are many ways of pruning down costs.

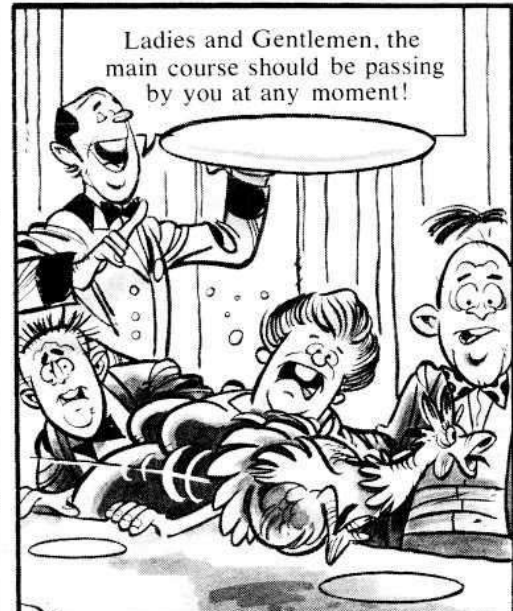
On the soup course, request a small portion and then have the kitchen water it down a bit.



Always serve a lot of bread before the meal... it's inexpensive and filling.



As a main course, serve a slightly undercooked chicken.



And to save money on liquor, have the bartender suggest an alternate drink.



Honeymoon

A honeymoon doesn't have to be expensive, either.

For one thing, seek cheap transportation.



Also try to locate inexpensive accommodations.



Or do a lot of visiting.



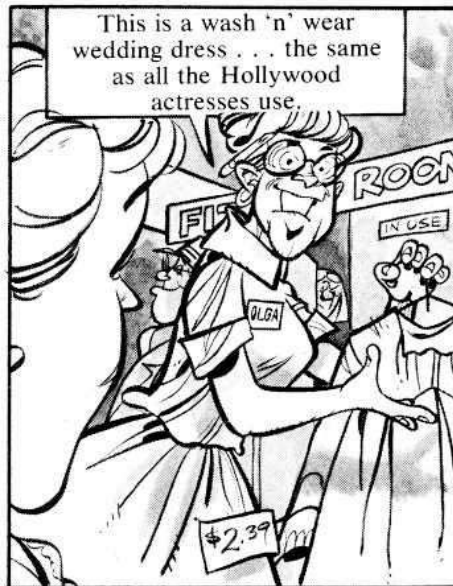
More Than One Daughter

For large families having more than one daughter, there are a number of steps that can be taken to recycle some materials from one wedding to the next.

For example, pass up fresh flowers for re-usable ones.



Also buy a re-usable gown.



Or better yet, just have all your daughters married off at once.



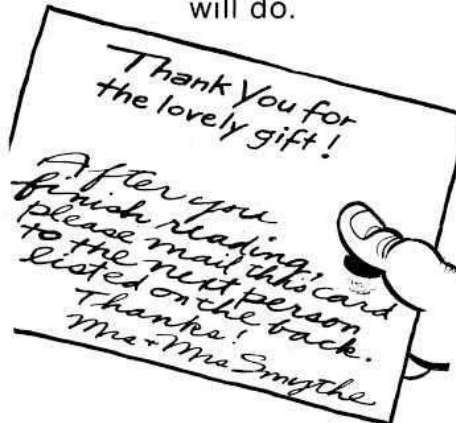
After the Wedding

When you're leaving the church and rice is being thrown, don't run past it like most do.

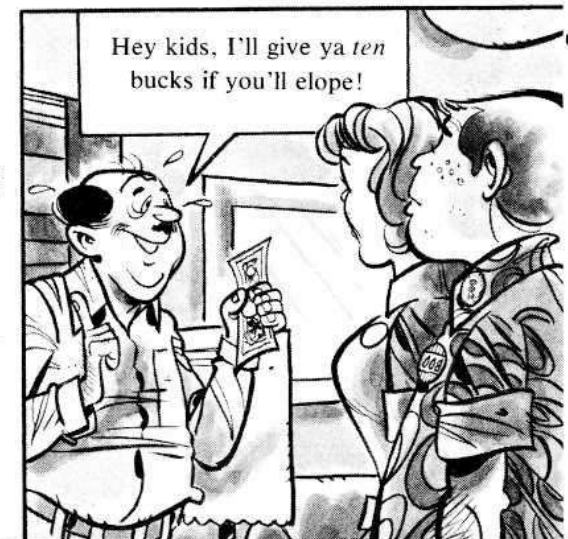


Best Cut Of All

And why have hundreds of thank you notes printed, when one properly-worded note will do.



But there's one sure-fire method that every father should try that will keep wedding costs down to their barest minimum.



Every so often CRACKED hits upon a really great story it can't help printing. Well, maybe that'll happen to us next month, but for now it's time for mystery and intrigue (remember that great vaudeville act . . . They Followed Fink's Minks?) as we shamefully present:

TROUBLE AT THE REDUCING CLINIC Or THE Weighty PROBLEM



WRITER:
JOE CATALANO

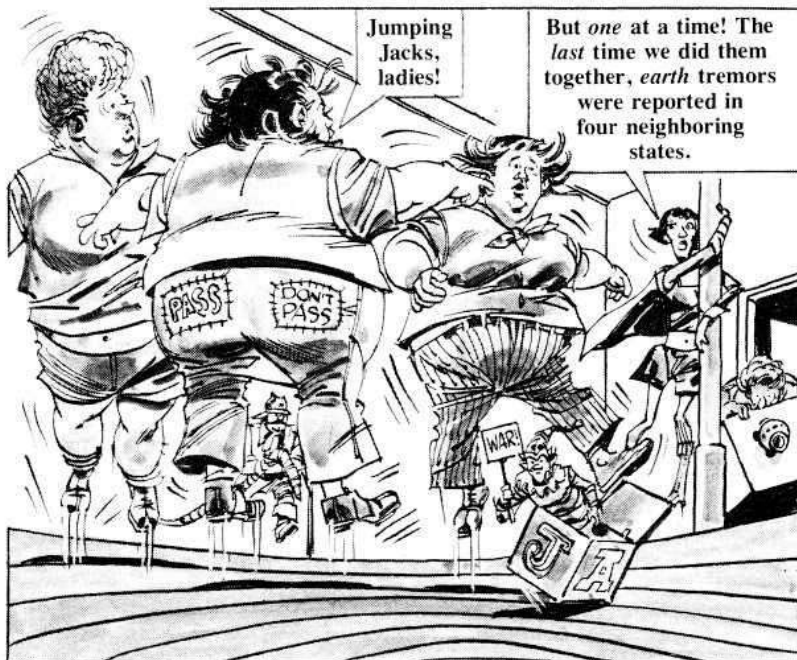


ART: BERNARD BAILY...

It's the first day's orientation at a local weight reducing saloon . . . er . . . salon!



At once the daily exercise classes begin for the new students.





The next morning at the daily weigh-in...



To combat Peter Piper, the women are shown food rehabilitation films...



But they can't resist as Peter Piper makes his rounds...

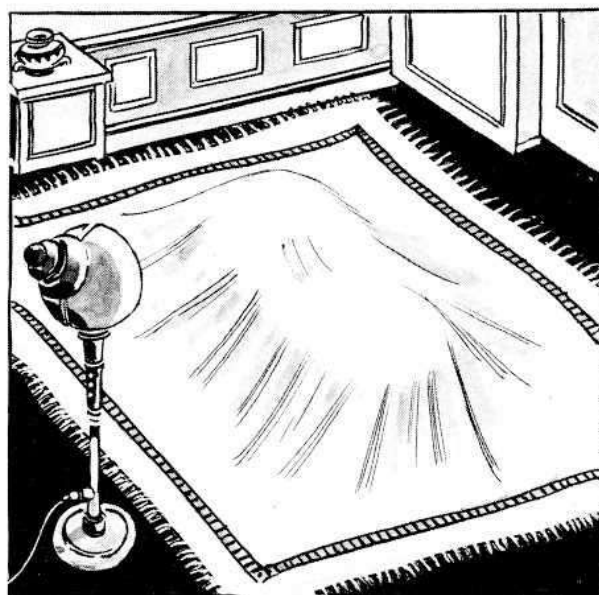




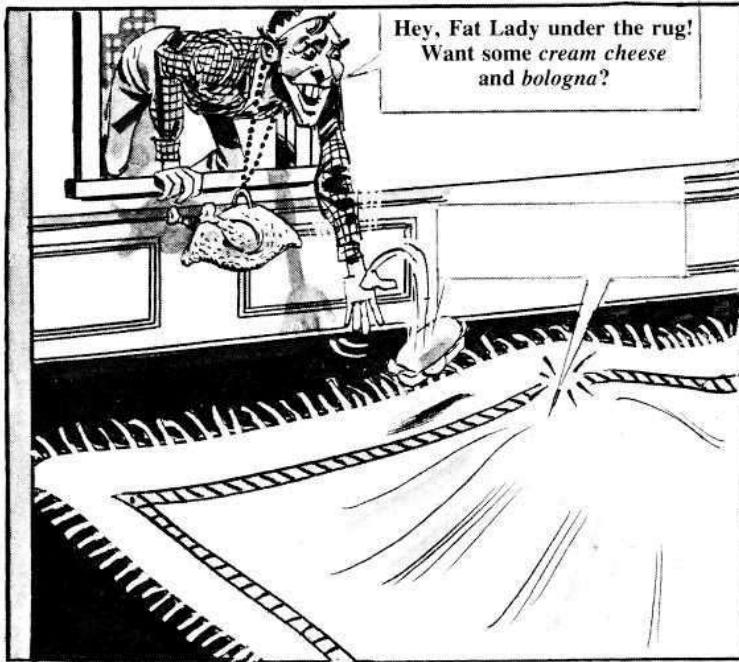
With things at a chaotic level, the owners of Flabby Farms are ready to combat it with desperate measures.



That evening the TRAP was set, as Pauline cleverly concealed herself in one of the rooms.



Suddenly there was a rap on the window and a roll tossed across the floor.



Is acupuncture a new miracle cure-all for the sick, or is it a fraud? Knowing that our readers would be on pins and needles to find out the answer, **CRACKED** pinned down one of its pinhead writers to write this . . .

CRACKED GUIDE TO ACUPUNCTURE

ORIGIN OF ACUPUNCTURE

A Chinese peasant suffering from a dozen incurable diseases fell to the ground in complete exhaustion . . . right in the path of a herd of stampeding porcupines.

When he awoke the peasant found himself miraculously cured of all his ailments.



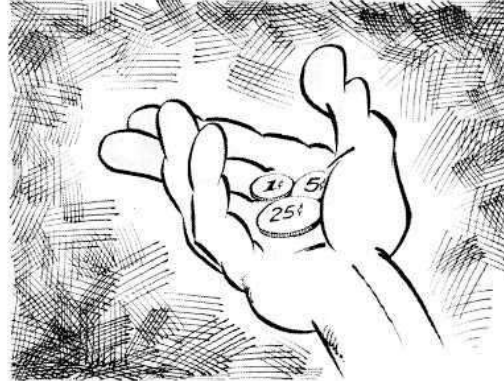
THE TRAINING OF AN ACUPUNCTURIST

acupuncturist is taught booing and razzing . . .



. . . to know how to give people the needle.

Acupuncturist is given a small allowance . . .



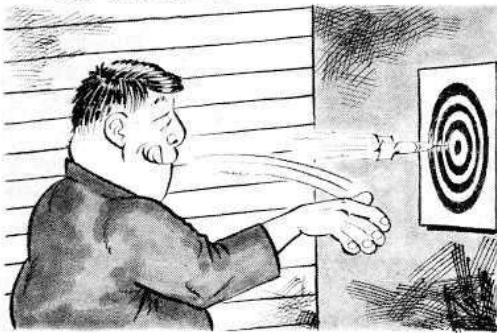
. . . to learn how to handle pin-money.

Acupuncturist must constantly pitch baseballs . . .



. . . to learn pin-point control.

Acupuncturist must become an expert dart thrower . . .



He must know how to apply needles from a safe distance when treating lepers.

Acupuncturist must learn to find a needle in a haystack . . .



He never knows when he might have to perform acupuncture in a barn.

Acupuncturist is given a subscription to Playboy magazine . . .



. . . to encourage an interest in pin-ups.

AILMENTS CURED BY ACUPUNCTURE

AILMENT
Lethargy



WHERE TO APPLY NEEDLE



. . . this will drain the lead out of his pants.

AILMENT
Mosquito Bites



WHERE TO APPLY NEEDLE

Patient tapes acupuncture needle to his nose and retaliates.



Pain-in-the-neck



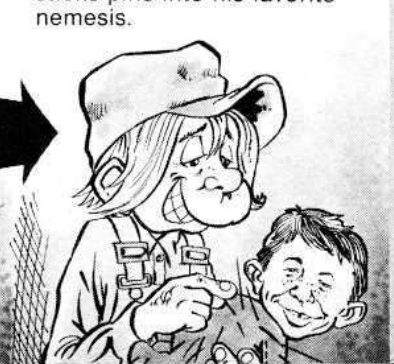
Patient is rid of pain-in-the-neck by sticking needles into door-to-door salesman.



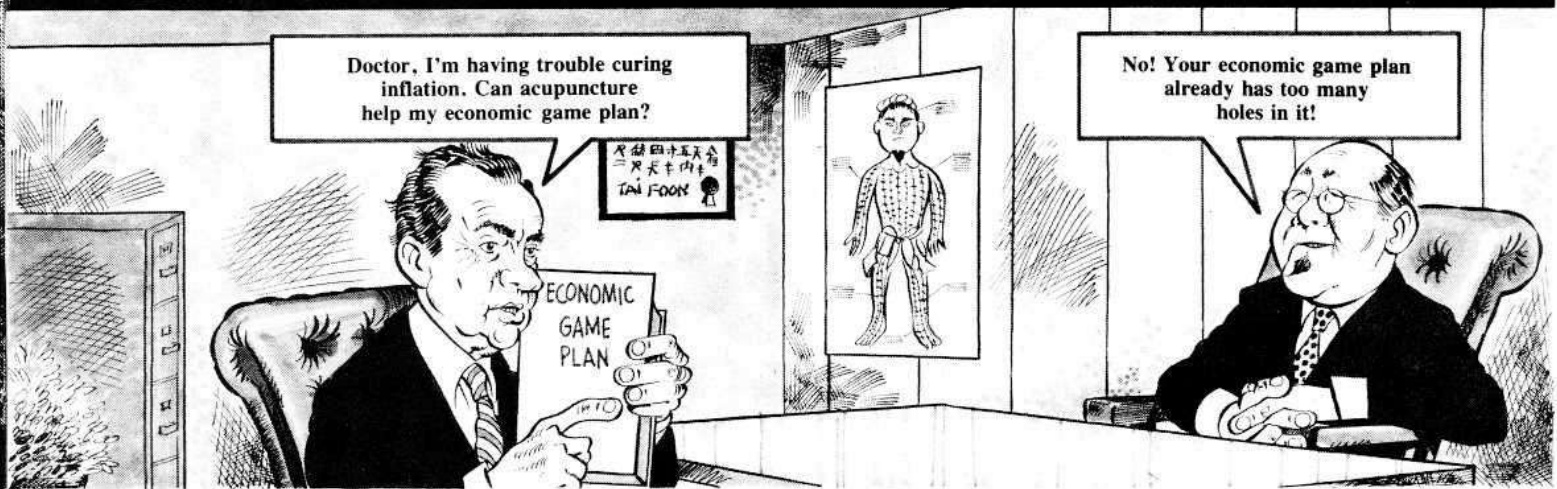
Frustration



To alleviate frustration, patient sticks pins into his favorite nemesis.



DR. TAI FOON ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT ACUPUNCTURE



QUESTION: What is the most important quality required of a successful acupuncturist?

ANSWER: Stick-to-itiveness.

QUESTION: How can a person practice acupuncture on himself?

ANSWER: On his next income tax return, the person should make a deliberate, glaring error in his favor. This will keep him on pins and needles.

QUESTION: Is it possible for a habitual acupuncture patient to fall in love with a cactus?

ANSWER: Yes, but the patient should not pin his hopes on the love being returned. Cacti are notoriously stuck-up.

QUESTION: What liquids may a person drink while undergoing acupuncture.

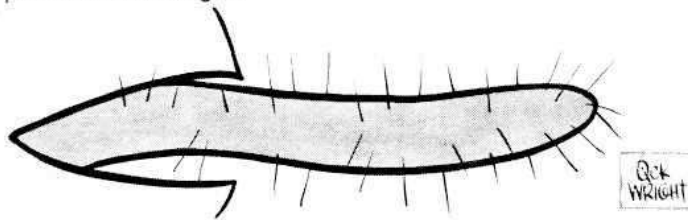
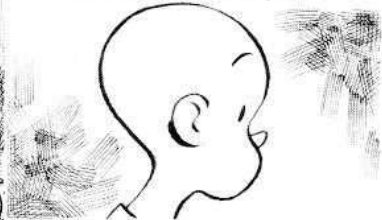
ANSWER: Only needle beer.

FAMOUS ACUPUNCTURE CURES

As a boy, Patient 707 suffered from lockjaw.

Patient 707's mouth was pried open and needles were placed on his tongue.

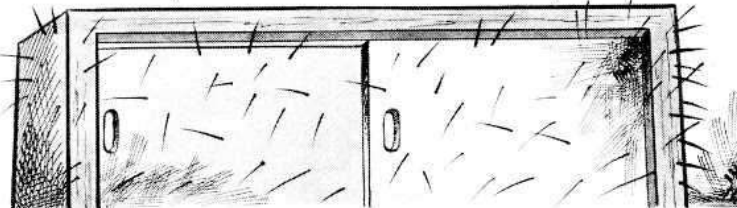
Patient 707 today.



Patient H2-0 suffered from hydrophobia (dreaded fear of water).

Patient H2-0's liquor cabinet was covered with acupuncture needles.

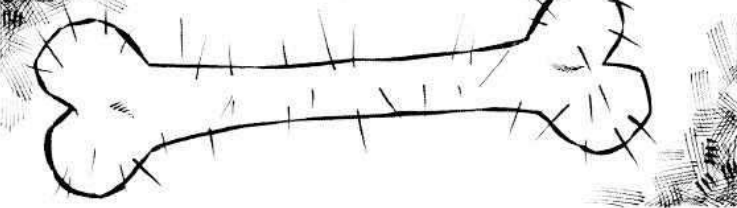
Patient H2-0 today.



Patient K9 suffered from depression because she could not achieve success in showbiz.

Acupuncture needles were placed on all her bones.

Patient K9 today is the most successful dog in showbiz.



Patient 999 suffered from growing pains.

Acupuncture needles were placed on Patient 999's sneakers.

Patient 999 today.



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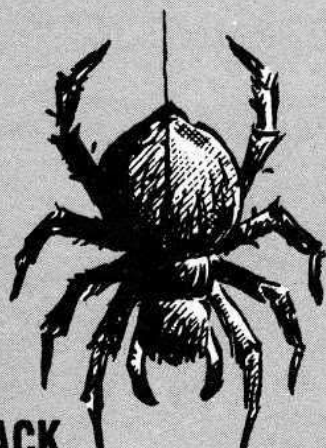
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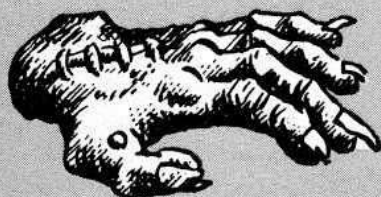
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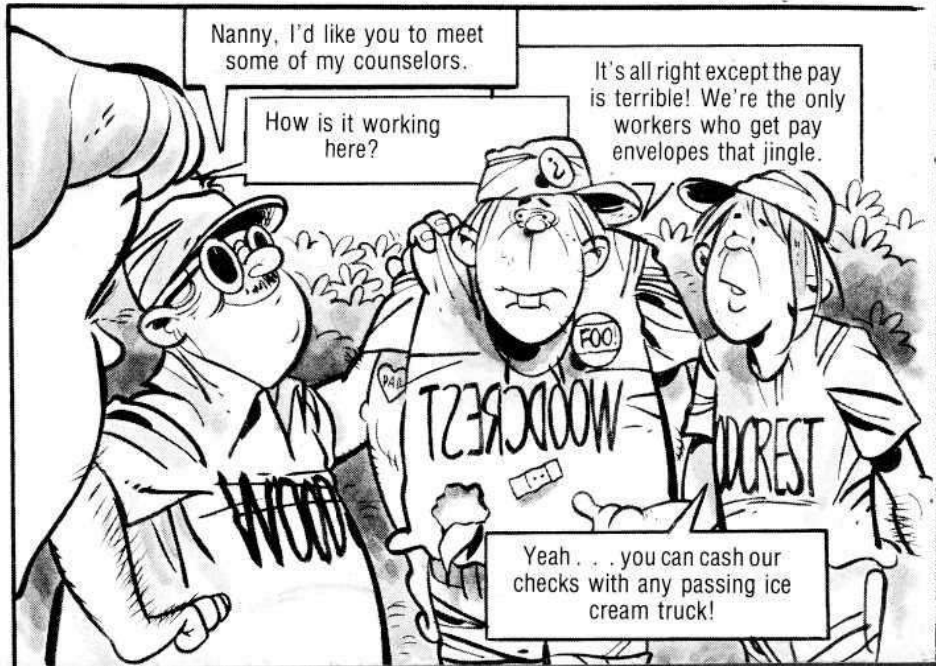
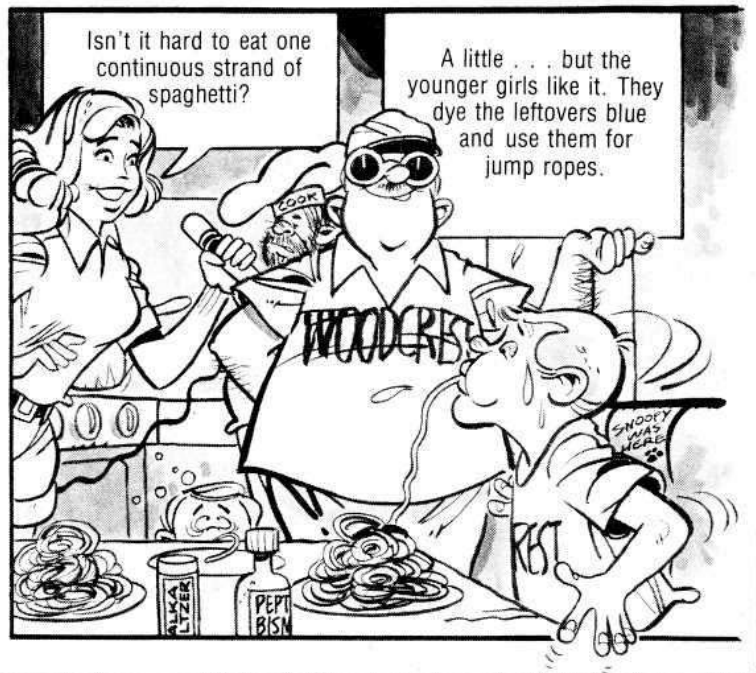
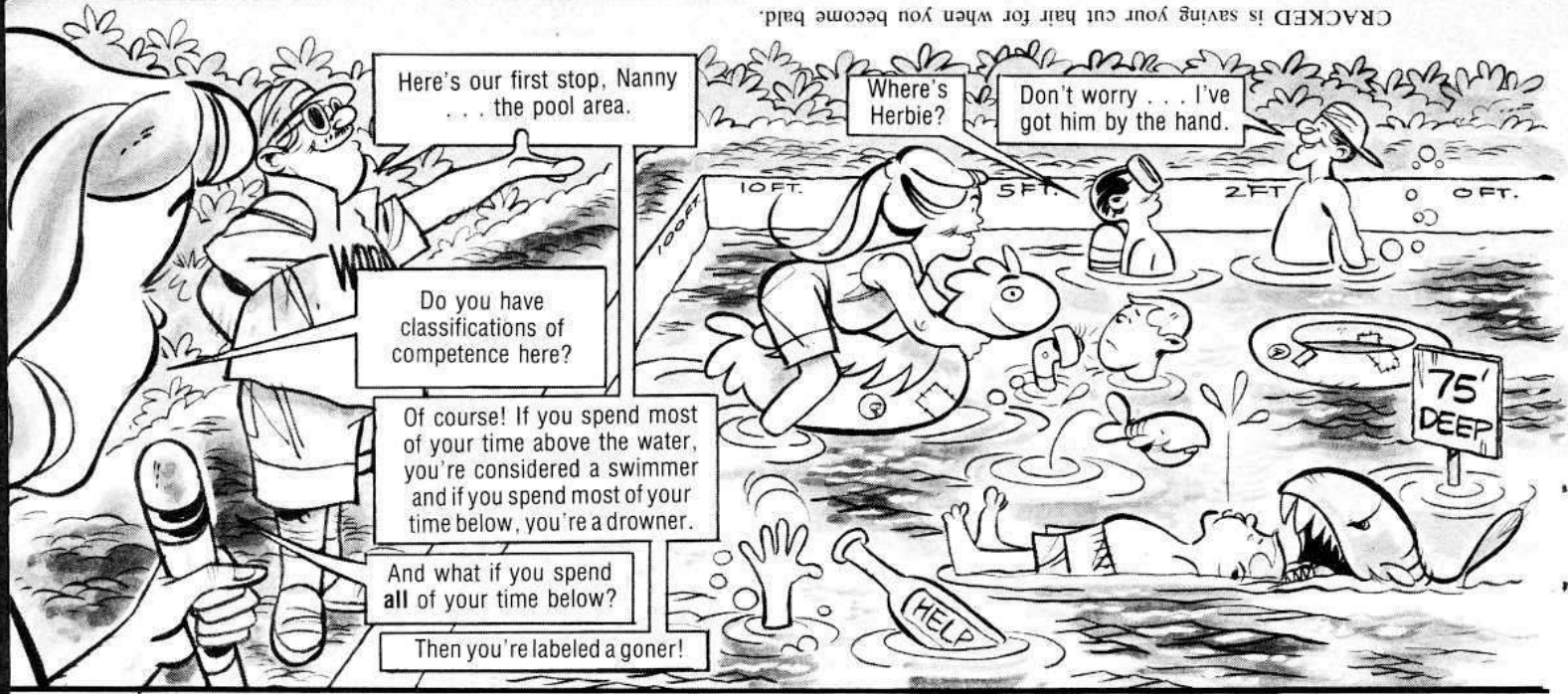
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Every summer during July and August, millions of children are sent to day camps throughout the country. And is it so little Philip can become a better ball player or so little Angela can learn how to make stained glass? Far from it! It's really so big Mommy and Daddy can be rid of the brats and get in some golf! And what are these two-month babysitters like? Well, you'll soon find out as

CRACKED interviews the CAMP KING







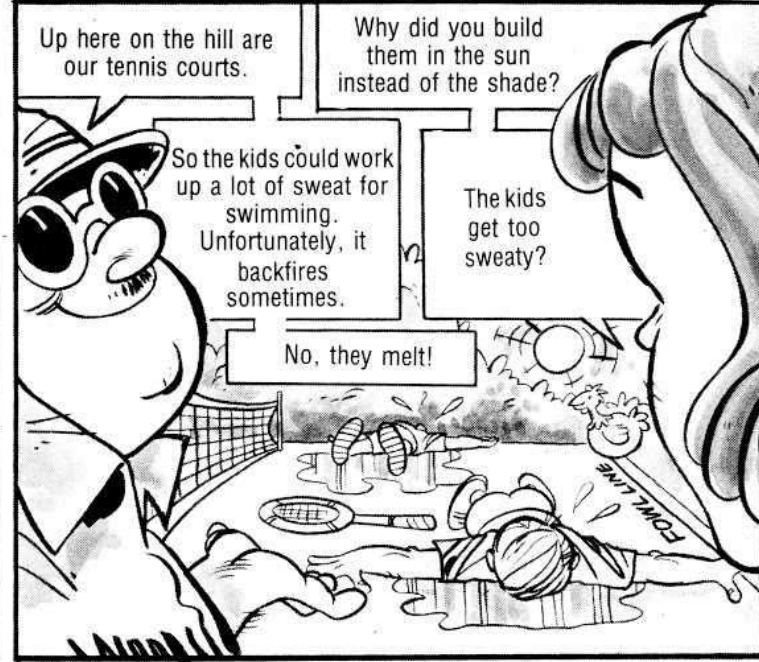
Ingrates! Over there, Nanny, is the camp mascot... my dog Leo.

He certainly looks vicious.

Naw, he's as gentle as they come.

Well, that group was too overcrowded anyway.

But Nathan, he just grabbed one of the little children with his teeth and carried him into the woods!



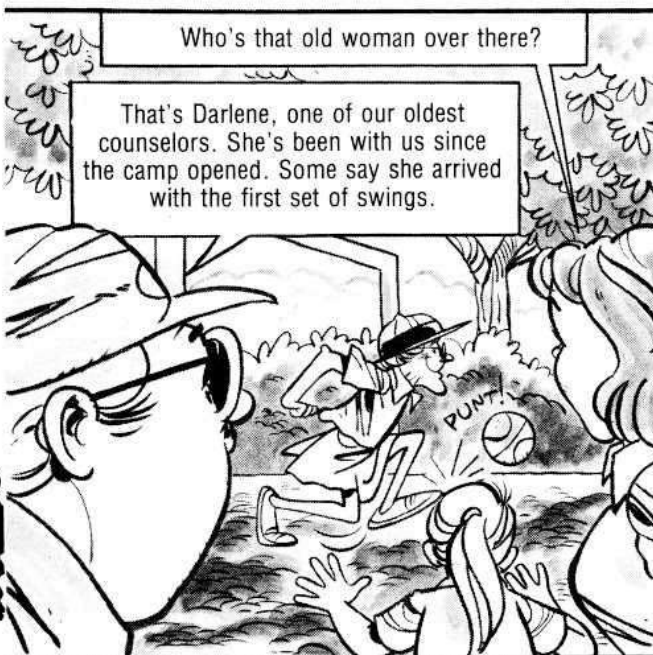
Up here on the hill are our tennis courts.

Why did you build them in the sun instead of the shade?

So the kids could work up a lot of sweat for swimming. Unfortunately, it backfires sometimes.

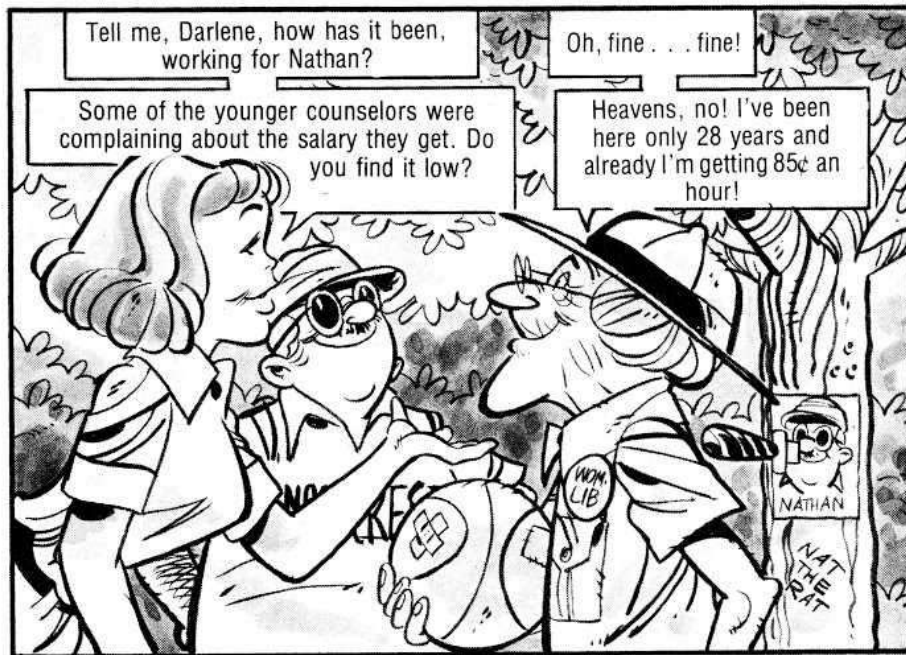
The kids get too sweaty?

No, they melt!



Who's that old woman over there?

That's Darlene, one of our oldest counselors. She's been with us since the camp opened. Some say she arrived with the first set of swings.

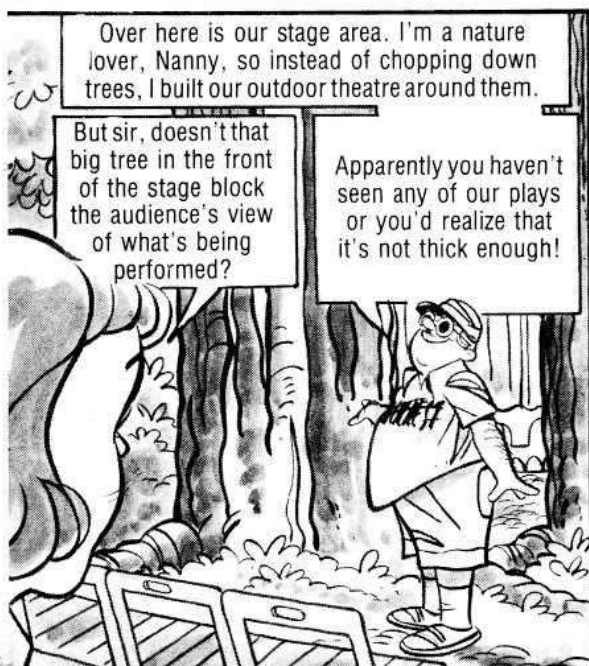


Tell me, Darlene, how has it been, working for Nathan?

Oh, fine... fine!

Some of the younger counselors were complaining about the salary they get. Do you find it low?

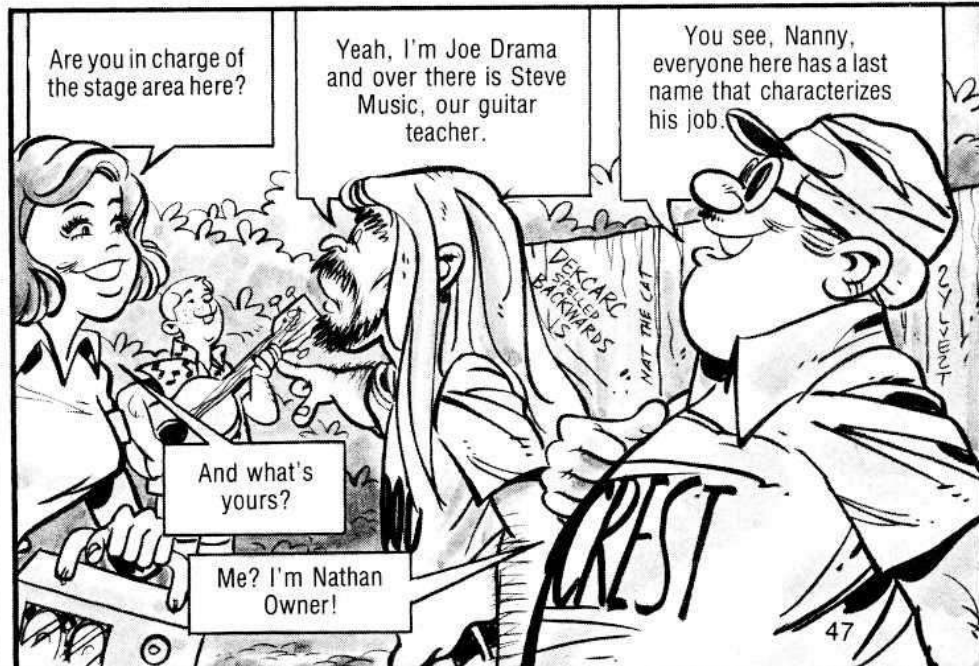
Heavens, no! I've been here only 28 years and already I'm getting 85¢ an hour!



Over here is our stage area. I'm a nature lover, Nanny, so instead of chopping down trees, I built our outdoor theatre around them.

But sir, doesn't that big tree in the front of the stage block the audience's view of what's being performed?

Apparently you haven't seen any of our plays or you'd realize that it's not thick enough!



Are you in charge of the stage area here?

Yeah, I'm Joe Drama and over there is Steve Music, our guitar teacher.

You see, Nanny, everyone here has a last name that characterizes his job.

And what's yours?

Me? I'm Nathan Owner!



And this is Billy Player, one of the best counselors from our younger groups.

Mr. Player, I heard that you took your group on a hike this morning and lost all of them in the woods except for that little boy. Could you explain this?

Yes, I can. He kept following me back. He wouldn't stay with the rest of the group!



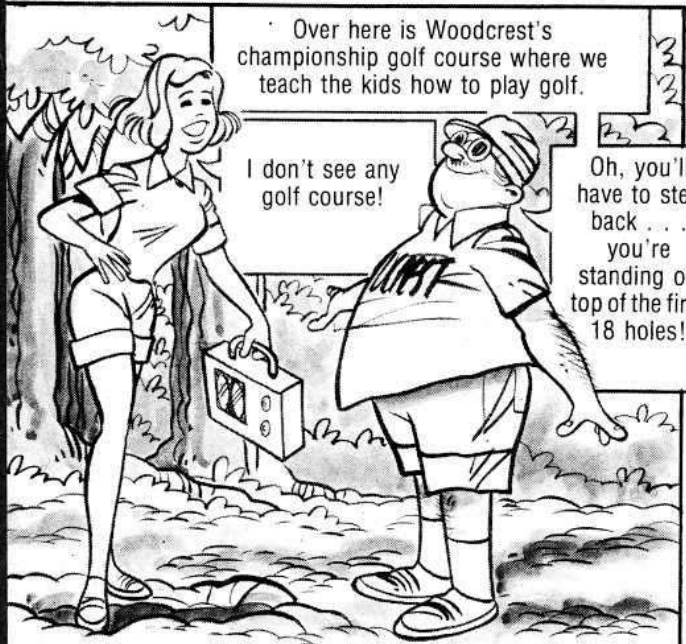
You must be the camp nurse. Tell me, what is the most common ailment you treat here?

Well, it comes from kids putting things in their mouth that they shouldn't.

That should stop that bleeding finger!

Such as what?

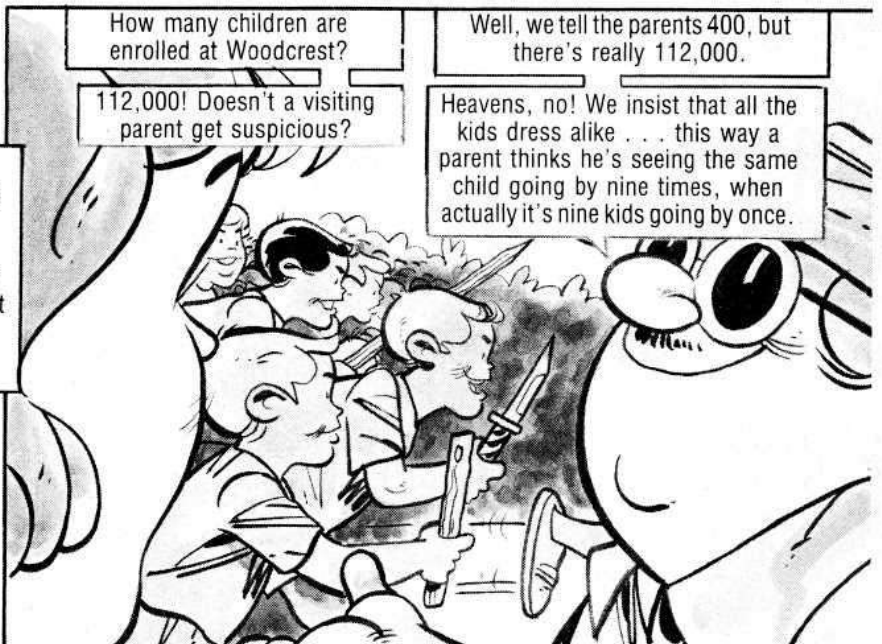
Lunch!



Over here is Woodcrest's championship golf course where we teach the kids how to play golf.

I don't see any golf course!

Oh, you'll have to step back . . . you're standing on top of the first 18 holes!

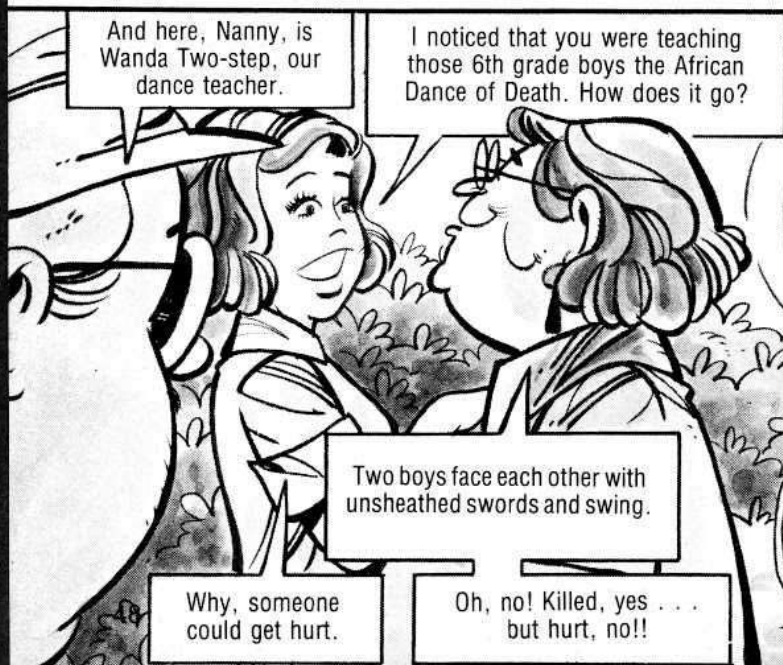


How many children are enrolled at Woodcrest?

Well, we tell the parents 400, but there's really 112,000.

112,000! Doesn't a visiting parent get suspicious?

Heavens, no! We insist that all the kids dress alike . . . this way a parent thinks he's seeing the same child going by nine times, when actually it's nine kids going by once.



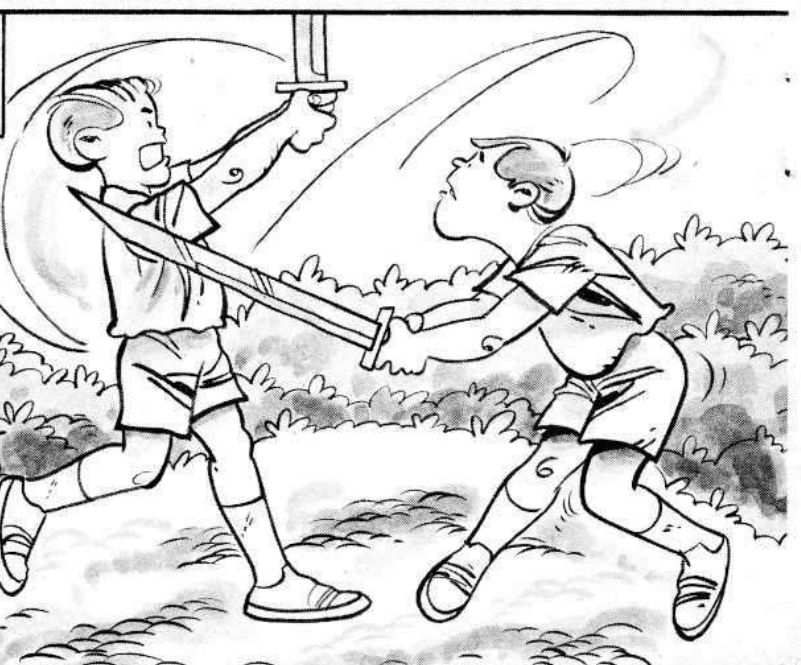
And here, Nanny, is Wanda Two-step, our dance teacher.

I noticed that you were teaching those 6th grade boys the African Dance of Death. How does it go?

Two boys face each other with unsheathed swords and swing.

Why, someone could get hurt.

Oh, no! Killed, yes . . . but hurt, no!!



What happens when it rains around here?

One game in six hours?
Why so little?

We send the kids out to a bowling alley. In the six hours they're there, each get to bowl nearly one whole game.

Well, there's 103 kids per alley and for some reason, it seems to slow down the game.

Now, the building ahead of you is our Arts and Crafts shack. Last year we had a very close staff up here.

They liked one another that much?

Oh, they hated each other! But they became very close during the third week when a pail of paste dropped, glueing them all together.

Oh gosh, Nanny! It's nearly 4 o'clock . . . time for dismissal. If you'll excuse me one moment, we'll continue after I wave goodbye to each bus. It adds to that personal touch . . . and also gives me a chance to flirt with the female counselors.

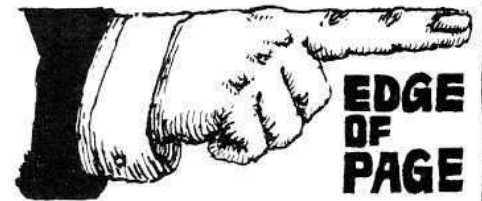
Bye, you little buggers!

Oh my! Well, I guess that concludes this month's interview. As you can see, Mr. Campfire got a little carried away with his work. Ha! Ha! Yes! Anyhow . . . this is Nanny Dickering, switching you back to CRACKED!

So long, kiddies!

CRACKED NAG

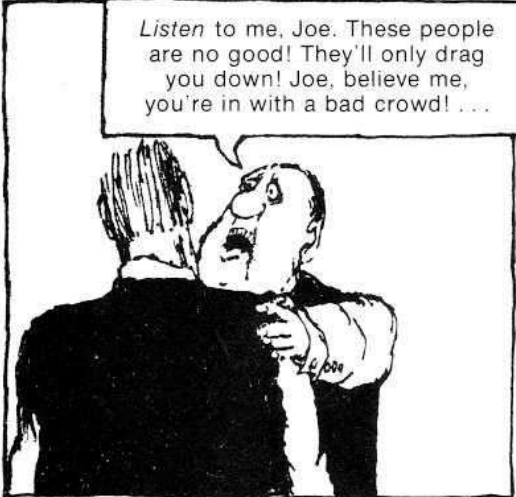
SHUT-UPS



Behold my power, Chief! Observe my magic and take heed! Oh, Great Ball of Flame . . . Oh, Fiery Sphere in the Heavens! I command you to darken, Sha-llala-moo, SHA-LLALA-KOO, SHA-LLALA-POO! SHA-LLALA-POO!!



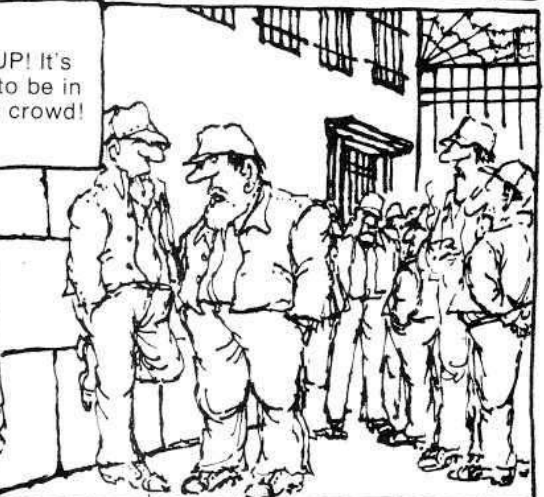
SHUT-UP with all that gobbledegook! We know there's an ECLIPSE of the SUN this afternoon!



Listen to me, Joe. These people are no good! They'll only drag you down! Joe, believe me, you're in with a bad crowd! . . .



SHUT-UP! It's our job to be in with this crowd!



Dear, I've packed your things . . . Toothbrush, razor, a clean shirt, and your hayfever pills. And look, sweetheart, a liverwurst sandwich in case you get hungry . . .



SHUT-UP, ninny! I'm only going over to that net!

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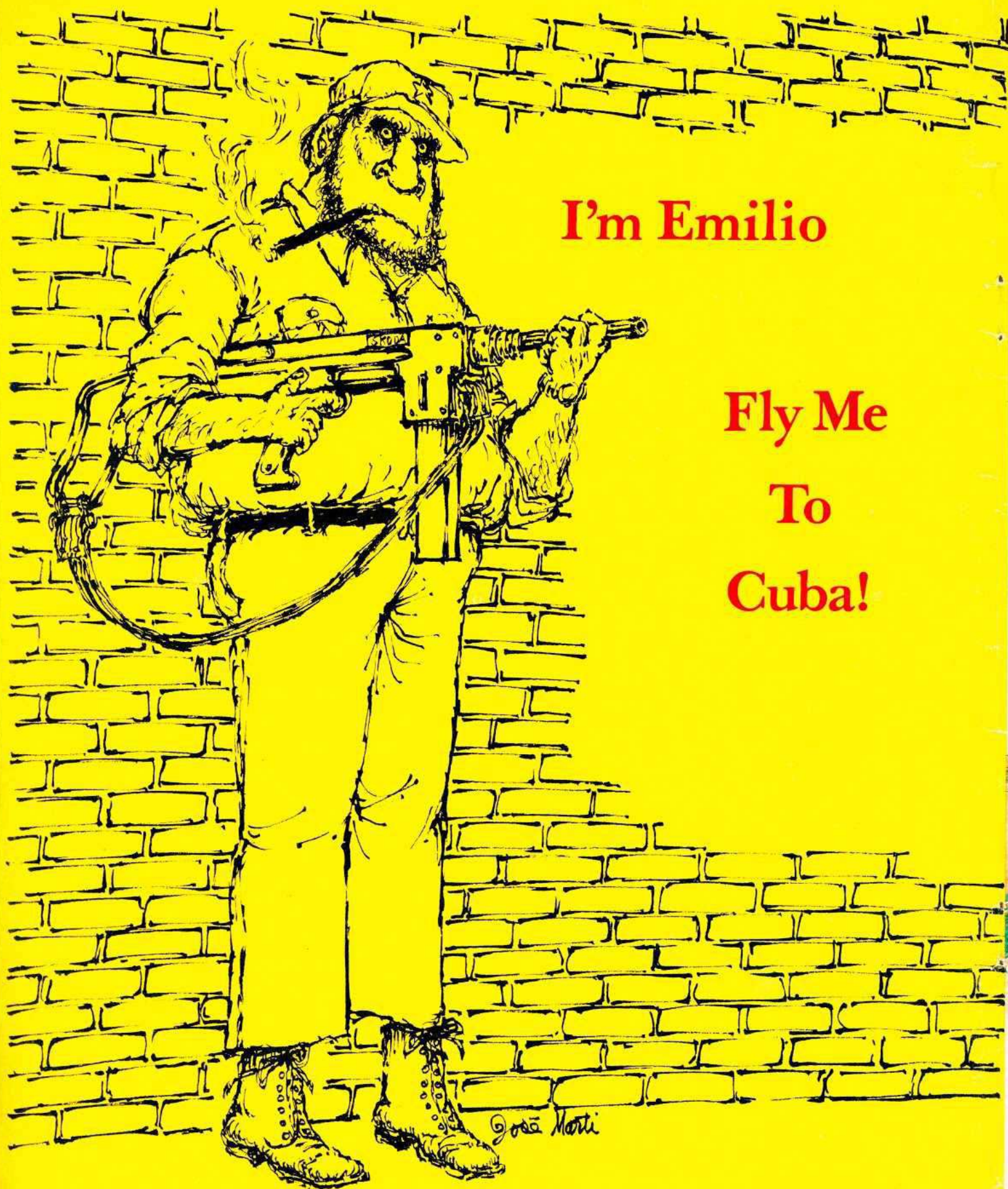
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